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Deported ethnic Turk

An ethnic Turkish woman, sits in front of her tent in a refugee camp in Edirne near Bulgarian border. She is one of the ethnic Turks among 30,000 deported from Bulgaria. (See story on Page 4). (Reuters wirephoto)

Marcos critical after op

HONOLULU, June 18, (Reuters): Former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos was in critical condition on Sunday with his chances of recovery listed as poor after he underwent an emergency operation to stop a gastric ulcer bleeding.

But officials at St Francis Medical Centre, where the 72-year-old Marcos is linked to a respirator in an intensive care unit, said the rating was routine for a man suffering from kidney, heart and lung failure and he had recovered consciousness.

"His body has again accepted the respirator unit, which is a good sign, and he is making a recovery although he is in critical condition and his prognosis is poor," a hospital official said.

Marcos underwent a 90-minute operation on Saturday after nurses saw he was bleeding from his mouth.

His wife, Imelda Marcos, spent much of Saturday evening by her husband's bedside before returning to their \$6,000-a-month rented house for the night.

Panel nod for \$1.9b rail link

BAGHDAD, June 18, (Reuters): An Iraqi-Jordanian technical committee has approved a \$1.9 billion project to link Baghdad and the Jordanian Red Sea port of Aqaba by rail.

The new 1,000-km (625 mile) line will stretch from Iraq's western town of Al Hadithah which has a rail connection with Baghdad, Iraq's ruling Baath party newspaper Al Thawra said today.

The project is part of the economic integration plan of the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) formed in Baghdad last February by Iraq, Jordan, Egypt and North Yemen.

Jordan's only port of Aqaba boomed in the Gulf war as Iraq's main lifeline to the sea with a constant stream of lorries carrying goods to Baghdad.

A cut above revenge Heart saves a head

RIYADH, June 18, (AP): A Yemeni man about to be publicly beheaded for killing a woman and her two children was saved just as the executioner braced to bring down his sword, a Saudi newspaper reported.

The daily Al Riyadh said the execution was called off after the woman's husband said he forgave the murderer.

"Listen, I have forgiven you for the murder of my wife and children whom you will meet before God," Mohammed Yehia Ali Saeed Faqih, a Saudi national, said in front of the crowd.

In accordance with Islamic law enforced in Saudi Arabia, the death penalty against Mohammed Shera'ie was revoked, the newspaper said.

Shera'ie murdered Faqih's wife, son and daughter without any apparent motive, the newspaper said.

It said the execution was taking place in a public square after the Friday prayers in Jizran, in the southwestern parts of the kingdom, the paper said. But it did not give any date.

Islamic law or sharia prescribes beheading for convicted murderers, stoning for adulterers and cutting off the hands of thieves.

Stay home, Iraq tells Iran; leave Lebanon

CAIRO, June 18, (Reuters): Iraqi President Saddam Hussein told Iran in remarks published yesterday not to interfere in Arab affairs and called on Syria to withdraw its troops from Lebanon.

"What the Arab nation from east to west wants from Iran... is that it should not interfere in Arab affairs or usurp their rights," Saddam told Egyptian journalists in an interview published by Cairo's newspapers.

The Iraqi leader was in Egypt this week for the second summit of the four-nation Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) grouping Iraq, Egypt, Jordan and North Yemen.

"We want the Iraqis to live securely on their soil enjoying full sovereignty and rights and to decide their own way of life and government without outside interference," he said.

"But the Arab nation wants to have the same rights in relations with Iran."

Asked about prospects in the Gulf after the death of Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Khomeini, Saddam said: "We have become mature enough not to connect any issue positively or negatively with a certain person."

He voiced optimism that a lasting peace could be achieved after a UN-sponsored ceasefire last year silenced the guns in his country's eight-year war with Iran. Negotiations on a final settlement have made little headway.

"The people of Iran have realised that war is not a virtue and that peace brings all the good and blessings," he added.

On Lebanon, he said Baghdad wanted all foreign troops withdrawn, singling out Syria's 40,000 troops there — which he said should leave first.

Rushdie charges 'Mail' with deception on 'post-Khomeini' interview

LONDON, June 18, (Reuters): Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," said today an interview described by a British newspaper as his first since going into hiding four months ago was given long before Iran called for his death.

"The Mail on Sunday's claim that I have 'broken my silence' and given them a new interview is wholly false and, in the present situation, highly irresponsible," he said in a statement issued by his agents.

Rushdie said the story in the Mail on Sunday was a "lurid and sensationalised" version of an interview he gave long before Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini called last February for his death because of passages in "The Satanic Verses" considered blasphemous against Islam.

Rushdie said the interview, to the writer named by the Mail on Sunday as Ameena Meer, had been published months ago in a US magazine and he had telephoned the journalist involved "to tell her that my memory of our meeting was very different."

He added: "The Mail on Sunday should now admit their deception. I shall be taking legal advice."

Sudan blocks Nimeiri coup bid

KHARTOUM, June 18, (AP): A coup attempt by supporters of former president Gaafar Nimeiri was foiled today and an undisclosed number of military and civilians were arrested, a communique by the Sudanese armed forces general command said.

The communique did not say whether the conspirators were able to undertake any move before being arrested. It said all involved were arrested but failed to mention names or numbers.

The situation in this capital city remained calm today with no sign of any military activities. No troops have been deployed in the centre of the town of around major buildings.

The communique however said details of the military coup will be announced later and emphasized that the Army is united and "would continue to protect the present democratic regime which has been the choice of the Sudanese people."

Military sources however identified the coup leader as Sadeq Abdel Aziz, an unknown officer from the Armoured Corps division but declined to give his rank.

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4 die in Afghan hijack drama

ATHENS, June 18, (Agencies): Iran said four people were killed and 34 injured when an Afghan Antonov-26 passenger plane crashed near Zabol, after the pilot foiled a hijack attempt, but an Afghan version said two unidentified gunmen were holding 12 people hostage on board.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency monitored in Athens said the plane, bound for Afghan town of Zaranj near the Iranian border, strayed off course into Iranian territory when the pilot Mirvis Pakhtia clashed on board with the hijackers.

The news agency quoted M. Kazemi, the governor of Zabol, about 700 miles southeast of Tehran, as saying the plane made a forced landing on a sand dune south of Zabol in Iranian territory.

"Governor Kazemi said that the pilot, without having any contact with Zabol airport control tower, flew into Iranian skies" between 12.30 and 1 pm, "and the unsuitable sandy strip made the plane fold in the middle and overturn," the news agency reported.

"A woman and three children were killed on the spot and others on board the aircraft were injured, including a number of women and children," IRNA said.

Kuwait gears to fight flesh-eater

Fly claims fifth of its victims

By Ali Al Maseudi

SPECIAL measures have been taken by Kuwaiti authorities to eradicate a possible influx of a deadly, flesh-eating American parasite threatening man and beast in the Middle East, Europe and Africa and currently emerging from hibernation in Libya.

The fly has been identified as a species of the American screwworm *Cochliomyia hominivorax* and is double the size of the common housefly, director of the Animal Health Department at the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources, Dr Sultan Al Sultan said.

He added that the fly has a greenish body colour with an orange or reddish head.

"These flies are abundant in the tropical areas of the Americas and mostly appear between May through November," Sultan said. He added that adequate precautions have been taken by Kuwaiti authorities to meet and eradicate the entry of these pests.

The female screwworm fly lays 4,000 eggs — normally around wounds of warm-blooded animals and navals of newly born offspring. They also infect humans in the nose and pharynx and infections to animals can prove fatal if untreated.

The eggs begin hatching after one day and eat the flesh of their host, killing about one-fifth of the victims. These flies feed on tissues of the animals and cause bacterial infections. A bad odour emanates from these wounds.

After a week, the larvae fall to the ground and mature into full grown flies which immediately begin laying eggs. The life cycle is 24 days and the female dies after laying the eggs. Eggs can be prevented from being laid if the male is sprayed with proper insecticides, Sultan said.

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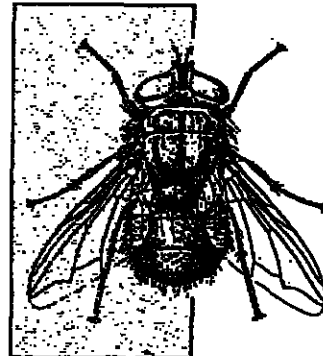
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Pakistan to India N-pact pitch

ISLAMABAD, June 18, (AP): Pakistan negotiators meeting with their Indian counterparts have called for agreement on a bilateral treaty opening each country's nuclear facilities to mutual inspection, an official said today.

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Gunners stiffen blockade

Deadlock in Lebanon

BEIRUT, June 18, (AP): Arab mediators were reported deadlocked today over stabilizing a tattered ceasefire in Lebanon and lifting sea and land blockades enforced during 14 weeks of fighting between Syrian and Christian forces.

Two conservative newspapers, Al Anwar and Ad Diyar, said three Arab leaders trying to end the 14-year-old civil war would hold talks in Morocco next week to try to break the deadlock.

King Hassan of Morocco, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid were asked to bring peace to Lebanon within six months at last month's summit meeting in Casablanca of the 22-member Arab League.

Defying the ceasefire, Syrian gunners have unleashed daily artillery barrages against the coastline north of Beirut to prevent arms and food supplies from reaching the Christian enclave's one million residents.

Police said Syrian batteries deployed in and around West Beirut today sporadically fired 130-mm shells at the Christian ports of Jounieh, Tabarja, Byblos and Amsteh.

No casualties were reported from the shelling, which Christian Army commander Gen. Michel Aoun said is aimed at "starving us to our knees."

Police said Aoun's troops fought gunbattles with the Syrians today at the mountain-top town of Souk Al Gharb, 10 miles (16 kilometres) east of the capital. No casualties were reported.

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True form of democracy



Majlis (open council) reflects the true form of democracy and Arab traditions, the governor of the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia, Prince Mohammed Bin Fahd said in an exclusive interview with Ahmed Al Jarallah, the Editor-in-Chief of the Arab Times.

Prince Mohammed also said capital has also begun flowing back to the region after the ceasefire in the Gulf war.

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Kuwait to overhaul PIA, KIO

KUWAIT, June 18, (KUNA): A Kuwaiti daily said today that the concerned authorities have decided to reorganise the country's foreign investment organs namely defining responsibilities of the Public Investment Authority (PIA) and the Kuwait Investment Office (KIO).

The daily quoted "responsible sources" as saying that the new arrangements followed years of discussions on the relationship between the authority and the office and jurisdictions of each, which ended in limiting the KIO operations to the US and Europe and those of the PIA to the Near East.

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Amir hosts Afro-Arab talks begin

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Diplomatic sources said the agenda would include debate on efforts to curtail Israel's presence in Africa, and financing of development projects in poor African countries by wealthy Arab oil-producers.

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5 juveniles held for theft

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Marchers protest refugees

HONG KONG, June 18, (AP): Some 700 protesters today demanded Hong Kong stem the influx of Vietnamese boat people, and a senior official said he plans to meet Hanoi government officials this month to try to solve the crisis.

Geoffrey Barnes, the government's secretary for security, said the discussions, planned for June 26, would include repatriation, which Hong Kong insists is the only way to discourage Vietnamese from coming.

In the latest display of public anger, the marchers in Yuen Long district protested the

opening in their neighbourhood of a new camp for newly arriving boat people. They called on authorities to stop letting Vietnamese land, the government-run radio television Hong Kong reported.

Authorities had planned to begin moving the first groups of Vietnamese into the camp at the old Sek Kong airfield yesterday. But protesters and angry district board members forced a postponement.

In a telephone interview, Barnes said he would be holding the talks to build upon the

consensus adopted at last week's Geneva conference on Indochinese refugees, "and in the light of the enormous pressures" faced by Hong Kong.

More than 44,000 Vietnamese are overwhelming facilities in this British colony, and officials say the vast majority are not refugees but people seeking better economic conditions and thus illegal immigrants. Only 143 Vietnamese have returned home because Vietnam will accept only those who volunteer to go back.

China makes travel tough

BEIJING, June 18, (AP): China's rising political star made conciliatory remarks about dissent, but state-run media today reported more arrests and renewed demands that the US embassy stop giving sanctuary to leading dissident Fang Lizhi.

The People's Broadcast Station Radio announced today that all passport holders must receive an extra exit permit after being granted travel visas by foreign countries, an apparent move to prevent critics from fleeing the country.

Previously, anyone wanting to go abroad was required to receive an exit permit before obtaining a visa to travel. The new measure requires that an additional exit permit be obtained after a visa is granted.

In recent days, large crowds, including many students, have formed outside foreign embassies seeking visas that would enable them to leave China.

Tonight, more than 100 military trucks, most with soldiers and some carrying supplies, headed east away from the city centre. Later, witnesses said, the convoy, which included jeeps and cars, changed direction and began travelling north.

Twenty armoured personnel carriers departed Tiananmen Square yesterday, witnesses said.

The troop movements were the largest in more than a week. It was not immediately clear what they signified.

By Western estimates, more than 150,000 soldiers were sent into Beijing to quell protests for a freer society. Western diplomats said that although many of the soldiers have left the downtown streets and Tiananmen Square, they remain camped in compounds on the city outskirts.

Politburo standing committee member Qiao Shi told a meeting of non-communist party officials yesterday: "It is very natural that people have different views and doubts" under the current "complicated" situation.

The hard-liners now in control of the party are waging a nationwide campaign to compel greater party loyalty following the bloody military drive to suppress the democracy movement in Beijing.

The June 3-4 military invasion of the capital claimed up to 3,000 lives, Chinese witnesses and Western intelligence reports say. The Chinese government has put the death toll at 300.

The Communist Party newspaper People's Daily quoted Qiao today as saying the party would continue to promote socialist democracy and improve the legal system.

The front-page coverage given the meeting strengthened speculation that Qiao will replace Zhao Ziyang as general secretary of the 47 million-member party. The party central committee is expected to meet as early as this week to formalize Zhao's ouster.

Zhao, one of the architects of China's economic reforms, is believed to have been stripped of power after opposing the decision by senior leader Deng Xiaoping and Premier Li Peng to declare martial law in Beijing on May 20.

The national television news reported 10 more arrests of protesters, including three identified as students. Two were said to be leaders of an independent student group representing non-Beijing universities.

Workers and jobless drifters in their 20s or 30s account for most of the more than 1,300 reported arrests.

However, students, teachers, scientists, factory officials and farmers also have been charged in the nationwide roundup. Some have been arrested after days in hiding or flight, others have surrendered or been turned over by relatives.

Pope John Paul II today prayed that the deaths of Chinese students would not be in vain and hoped that China's leaders would act wisely in a national search for justice and freedom.



A Hong Kong woman weeps as residents gather around a 'goddess of democracy' statue unveiled today. It is a replica of one crushed by tanks on June 4 when the Chinese Army crushed student-led protests with much violence in Beijing. (Reuter wirephoto)

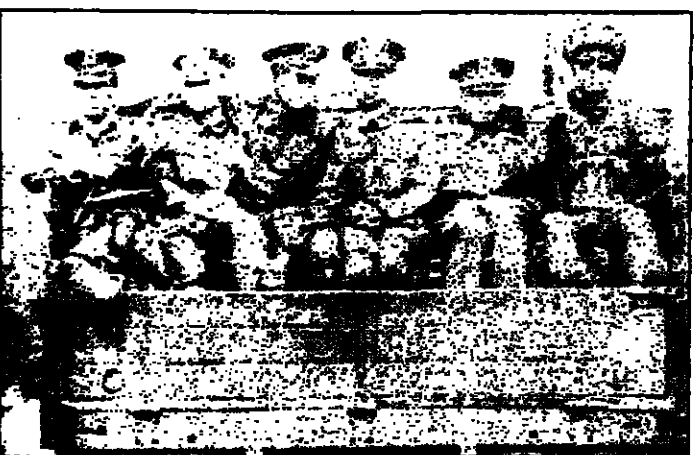
An idea honoured

HONG KONG, June 18, (AP): Activists today showed their sympathy with the pro-democracy movement in China by unveiling a 10-metre (33-foot) replica of the "Goddess of Democracy" statue that stood in Beijing's Tiananmen Square before the bloody crackdown.

Some 4,000 people attended the ceremony in Victoria Park, the latest expression of this British colony's revulsion over the massacre and equally widespread fear of its reversion to Chinese rule in 1997.

"A statue was knocked down but thousands will be erected all over the world," said Sze To Wah, a lawmaker and leading activist who officiated at the ceremony. "There will be a day when the statue will be erected on Tiananmen Square in Beijing."

Wah laid a wreath at a cenotaph placed beside the plastic foam statue. The cenotaph was inscribed: "Toment" and "Democracy martyrs are eternal."



People's Liberation Army soldiers sit on the back of a truck carrying beer as they patrol the streets of Beijing today. Martial law is still in effect in Beijing, two weeks after crushing the pro-democracy movement. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Britain under siege by dogs

LONDON, July 18, (AP): This is the summer of the great rottweiler scare.

Rottweilers are very large, and can be very ferocious, and from recent headlines one might imagine they have Britain under siege.

For a nation that cherishes its dog-loving image, it's an unsettling experience, and more than a simple dog-bites-man story. For wealthy political and social issues are in play.

The trouble began in April, when two rottweilers savaged an 11-year-old girl to death while she was exercising them in Scotland.

Reports of rottweiler attacks have since filled the newspapers. Some 20 have been reported, and they come with precise details down to the number of stitches required.

"It seems as if the rottweiler dog ... is rapidly assuming the dimensions of the Hound of the Baskervilles," comments the Guardian.

There are some similarities with Sherlock Holmes' ghostly canine legend: rottweilers weigh in at around 130 pounds (60 kilograms) and are built like armoured personnel carriers. Their number has increased sevenfold in Britain in the past decade, to about 180,000.

Debate

With headlines blaring about "Devil dogs" biting babies in their cribs, the House of Commons sat into the early hours of Thursday debating the issue.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's own supporters rebelled, nearly succeeding in forcing her government to require dog-licensing.

Thatcher opposes licensing. Wedded to a doctrine of getting government off the people's backs, the Thatcherites also shed the mandatory licence two years ago and say, rottweilers or no rottweilers, they won't bring it back.

"It would be very, very bureaucratic and very, very hard to enforce," says Environment Minister Virginia Bottomley.

Pete Jenkins, a liberal newspaper columnist, says that with this sort of laissez-faire attitude, "we'd still have wolves on Clapham Common," the park near his London home.

In a TV debate, liberal lawmaker Paddy Ashdown reeled off statistics to back his demand for a licensing scheme: 500,000 strays roaming the streets of Britain, 250,000 dog bites a year costing the public health system £17 million (\$26 million) annually.

Licence fees, he said, would pay for more dog catchers and pounds. Others want Britain to copy the severe restrictions New York City imposed on big-biting pit bull terriers.

Aggrieved

The rottweiler set is aggrieved, and has its own horror stories of rottweilers being poisoned in vengeance attacks; of neighbours being abused and threatened as they walk their rottweilers; of plummeting prices for pups and a deluge of callers from owners wanting to get rid of their rottweilers.

They blame the news media. "It appears a rottweiler has only to sneeze and it is in the headlines," Marilyn Hayward of the British Rottweiler Association was quoted as telling the Sunday Times.

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Criminal minds probed

Practice makes perfect

QUANTICO, Virginia, June 18, (AP): Roger Depue knows a lot about serial killers, but the thing that frightens him most is what he doesn't know.

"It's not being able to identify the enemy, to not be able to identify these people who do these horrible crimes. And that's the situation with the serial, organised killer. He looks just like you and I," said Depue, head of the National Centre for the Analysis of Violent Crime.

The scholarly works on the bookshelves in Depue's office at the FBI complex at Quantico Marine Corps Base reflect his background as a behavioural scientist. He has a doctorate in counselling psychology and human development and teaches at the University of Virginia.

But when he talks about serial killers, he sounds less like a psychologist and more like a police officer — something he has been for 27 years.

Since 1972, Depue and colleagues have blended scientific method and police savvy to study criminals who kill again and again for no apparent reason.

Local police officers may see a serial murder once in their careers, and many serial murder victims are never found, Depue said. Until the centre was formed in 1985, the local investigator had nowhere to turn for specialised help.

In March, the centre held its first national conference, bringing together law officers from several states to work on the murders admitted by Ted Bundy.

Shortly before his January execution in Florida, Bundy began confessing to a series of murders across the United States. By the time he went to the electric chair, he confessed to killing 30 young women.

Bundy asked that one of Depue's agents sit in on all the confessions — perhaps because Depue and his men try to see things the way the killers do.

"When you go into the prison to interview

him and sit down and talk to him, he's articulate, he's bright, he's got social skills. He's got a sense of humour. And you're never going to pick him out of a crowd," Depue said.

Bundy was one of 25 serial murderers and 11 sexual murderers interviewed by Depue's staff.

From 1972 to 1978, the researchers poured over thousands of pages of crime reports, crime-scene photographs, victims backgrounds, autopsy reports and interrogation transcripts.

In 1978, the researchers received a grant for the first police-oriented research on the serial killer.

Patterns began to develop. Some of the brutal homicides had neat and tidy crime scenes. Others were strewn with blood and body parts.

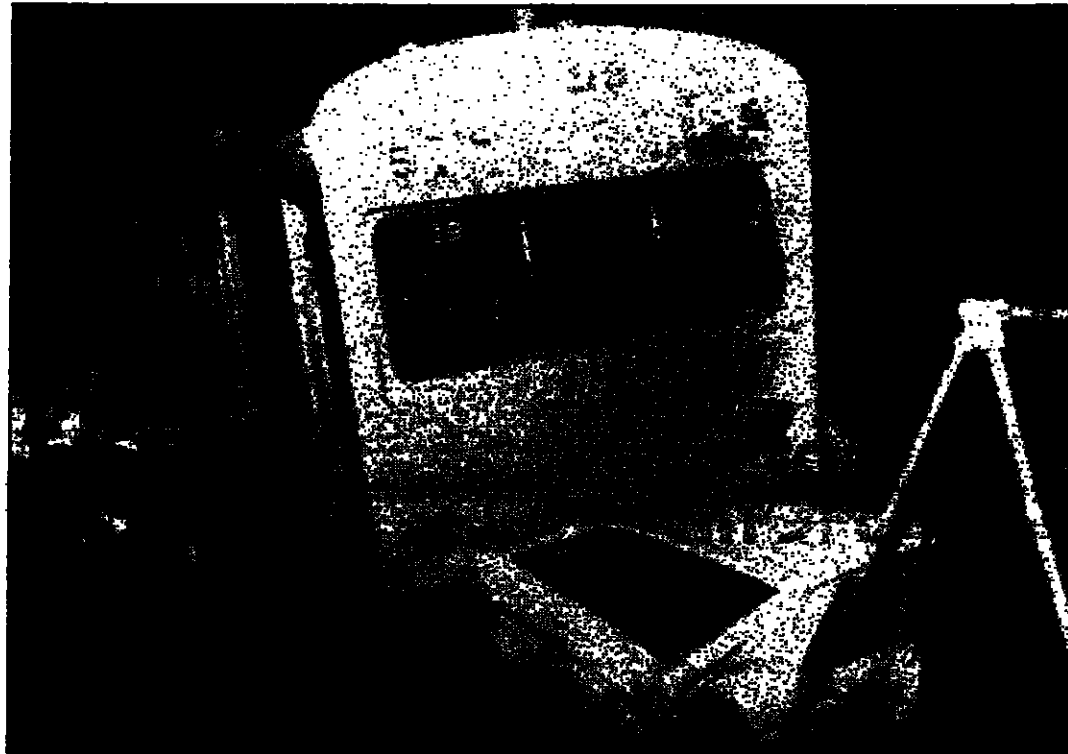
The serial killer kills, then waits — it may be a week, or a month, or a year — then kills again, not necessarily in the same area.

The killer that researchers dubbed organised was of average or above-average intelligence, was socially and sexually competent, generally was employed in a skilled position, lived with a wife or girlfriend, drove a car in good condition, controlled both his emotions and those of his victim during the crime, and followed accounts of the crime in the news media.

In contrast, the disorganised killer was of below-average intelligence — sexually incompetent and socially inadequate — working an unskilled job if employed; and living alone.

The study had added weight, Depue said, because the testing was done by behavioural scientists who were police officers first, who had seen butchered bodies of victims and had dealt with criminals all their professional lives.

"Can you imagine interviewing 35 to 50 artists, for instance, with a research protocol to get an insight into their thought process, and never once look at their art?" Depue said. "That was the problem with the previous research."



Midnight wreck

Workers investigate the wreck of a Japan Railroad (JR) commuter train which collided with a car at a level crossing in Kawasaki, south of Tokyo earlier today. Five people were injured, one seriously, police said. (Reuter wirephoto)

Boy 'to fly' around the world

REYKJAVIK, June 18, (AP): Tony Aliengena, the 11-year-old American pilot trying to become the youngest person ever to fly around the world, left Iceland this morning, heading across the North Atlantic Ocean to Norway.

Tony said he was excited. But his father, Gary Aliengena, said he was a little tired to me. "He looks a little tired to me," after having trouble sleeping last night under Iceland's midnight sun.

"Flying over the water really doesn't bother me," Tony said before his takeoff. "I just don't think about it."

Travelling with Tony in his single-engine Cessna 210 Centurion plane are his father and an observer. His mother Susan, 10-year-old sister Ailana and 11-year-old Soviet pen pal, Roman Tcheremnykh, are riding in an escort plane.

"It is going to be a long day," Gary Aliengena said. "We'll be heading straight for Oslo. If we get strong head winds we will probably be landing in Bergen."

Tony said he decided to fly around the world last year after becoming the youngest person to fly across the United States.

Plane reaches 66,980 feet

Boeing sets records

SEATTLE, June 18, (AP): Two US altitude records, including one that had stood for 51 years, have been broken by an unmanned aircraft developed by the Boeing Co.

The black and silver aircraft, nicknamed the "Condor", set an altitude record for piston-powered aircraft at reaching 66,980 feet (20,415 metres) above sea level during a test flight, Boeing Advanced Systems said in a news release.

That broke a world-class maximum altitude record of 56,046 feet (17,082 metres) set by Italian Mario Pezzi in a Caproni biplane in October 1938.

At the same time, the Condor also set a special-category national record for altitude in horizontal flight, beating the world-class, manned records of 31,791.72 feet (9,690.11 metres) for piston aircraft set in 1983 by Stephen Oster, an American.

The records were certified Wednesday by the National Aeronautics Association, the US representative of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, the world body responsible for tracking aviation records.

The Condor is a twin-engine, robotic aircraft designed for flights of up to several days.

Astronaut dies in plane crash

EARLE, Arkansas, June 18, (AP): Astronaut David Griggs, who flew on the space shuttle in 1985 and was training to pilot a mission in November, died yesterday when the vintage plane he was flying slammed into a field.

An astronaut since August 1979, Griggs, 49, had been undergoing training as pilot for shuttle flight number 33, scheduled for November, said the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

"We can't say with any certainty at this point whether (the crash) will affect the mission," said NASA spokesman Jeff Carter in Houston.

Television station WREG reported that Griggs was piloting a 1944 North America AT-6D, a two-seat, single-engine propeller aircraft used for training. It crashed in a wheat field near the Charter Service, which owned the plane, the station reported.

Hoover Williams, who lives near the crash site, said the plane had been executing rolls.

Children fight for father's release

NEW YORK, June 18, (UPI): Many kids will spend Father's Day fixing him breakfast and some simply will mark the occasion with a greeting card, but George Sassower's three daughters planned to make picket signs, alert Amnesty International and badger members of Congress to get their father released from a prison hospital in Minnesota.

Sassower, 65, a half-blind, former lawyer from White Plains, N.Y., has been arrested, shackled, and shuttled to federal lock-ups in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Alabama, Florida and Oklahoma — all in the past two weeks.

His crime: contempt of court. Sassower is on a crusade against what he sees as corruption among New York's top judges and high officials. "Filthy," as he puts it.

In countless times over eight years, he has tried to get the courts to respond to his charges, which he has made in more than 300 motions in various state and federal courts.

As a result of his unabated appetite for litigation, Sassower has been disbarred, fined, and jailed eight times.

Most recently, US District Judge Nicholas Politan of New Jersey sent him to a federal prison hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, to undergo a month of psychological observation. Since May 18, he has been held without bail on a misdemeanor, charged with disobeying a court order to refrain from filing legal motions.

"This time I'm scared," said Sassower in a telephone interview on June 9 from the El Reno federal correctional facility in El Reno, Okla. "If I die, there was foul play."

That may sound paranoid, but several prominent people and groups who have read about Sassower are concerned about his case.

Among them: representative Theodore Weiss, Democrat-New York, state assemblyman G. Oliver Koppell of the Bronx, Harvard Law Professor Alan Dershowitz, Amnesty International, the American Civil Liberties Union, The New York State defender's association and the Jewish war veterans.

"No matter what he's done, this sounds like overkill," said Weiss.

"This is a paradigm ACLU case," said Dershowitz. "I'm growing increasingly concerned about judges who lock up political dissidents in mental hospitals."

Since June 4, Sassower has been taken on an odyssey through the prison system. He was hauled out of Metropolitan Correctional Centre in Manhattan and taken to Stewart Air Force base in Newburgh, New York. Then, over the course of three days he was taken to federal prison facilities in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Birmingham, Alabama, Tallahassee, Florida, and El Reno, Oklahoma.

Since last week, he's been at a mental hospital run by the federal bureau of prisons in Rochester, Minnesota.

"On a misdemeanor? That's outrageous," said Koppell, who heads the State Assembly's judiciary committee. "I've seen rapists treated better."

"It often takes several stops for inmates to get to their final destination," said Gregory Bogdan, a federal prison spokesman in Washington.

Sassower's legal troubles stem from his assertion, made in at least 300 motions since 1980, that the assets of a men's clothing business he used to represent, Puccini Clothes Ltd., of Brooklyn, were "plundered" by the lawyers appointed to protect the company.

Sassower claims the lawyers racked up more than \$2.5 million in fees for two Manhattan law firms, Feldman, Karsh, Major and Farberman, and Kreindler and Reikin.

Puccini had been placed in court-ordered receivership when one of its four partners, Milton Kaufman, died and the executor of his will, Citibank, asked that the company be involuntarily dissolved.

The law firms say Sassower's a "kook" and a "legal terrorist" bent on litigating them to death. The courts have sided with the law firms.

But Sassower says Puccini's assets were never accounted for properly, an action he says covers up what he calls the "heft" of more than \$750,000.

"They plundered all of what was left of Puccini," said Sassower. "They ate up the cookie jar."

The courts, after rejecting Sassower's claims, ordered him not to file any more motions in state or federal courts.

Gene mapping helps cure Down's syndrome

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, June 18, (AP): Down's syndrome has been linked to a defect on a tiny slice of one of the human chromosomes, an important step toward prevention and treatment of the disorder, researchers said yesterday.

In a separate report, researchers also reported progress in narrowing the search for the defect responsible for one, relatively uncommon form of Alzheimer's disease.

In a week of intensive meetings and review of scientific reports, about 700 researchers from around the world announced the genetic "map-

ing" of about 400 new genes, 53 of them linked

to specific diseases.

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human genes, in much the same way that road maps aid the understanding of places.

At the Ninth International Gene Mapping Workshop two years ago in Paris, scientists reported they had mapped about 1,000 human genes.

By last week, the total had climbed to about 1,550. The announcement of 400 new ones yesterday brings the total to nearly 2,000, an increase of more than one-fourth over what it was a week ago.

The number of mapped genes has doubled every two years since 1973, said Ruddle. If that

rate of progress continues, the entire human complement of perhaps 50,000 to 100,000 genes should be mapped by the end of the century.

One example of what gene mapping can lead to is the spectacular recent progress in understanding the most common form of muscular dystrophy.

Until that was done, the cause of the disease was a mystery. Researchers mapped the gene, isolated it, and determined how it was put together.

That gave them a good idea of the kind of protein that might be related to it.

Carters get wet but help the poor

MILWAUKEE, June 18, (UPI): Despite a week of intermittent rain that slowed building and soaked volunteers, Habitat for Humanity workers including former President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn this week put up six new homes for poor families.

The Carters were among the workers who braved chilly, rainy days starting on Monday to put up the houses. Building six new homes in one week was a record for Habitat for Humanity, which has been building and renovating homes nationally since 1984.

Chuck Ruehle, pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church in Milwaukee who served as media co-ordinator, said Friday five of the six families will be able to move into their homes Saturday night on schedule. The sixth family will move into the home next week.

"It created some problems," he said of the rainy weather, including an early end to work Monday because of a steady downpour. "All the landscaping is not done so that prevented us getting some finishing touches done. But the homeowners are moving in on schedule tomorrow. Most certainly it was a success."

Habitat for Humanity also worked on renovating eight homes but failed to completely finish that project because of the weather. Ruehle said the homes will be completed in the next few weeks as the local chapter of Habitat continues its work to provide decent housing for the poor.

The Carters, who were donating a week's work to Habitat for the sixth straight year, were the focal point of the media during the week. But Ruehle said they were not there just to talk to reporters.

"They worked as long and hard as anybody ... longer than most," he said.

PEOPLE AND PLACES



Fireworks burst around the Eiffel Tower. (Reuter wirephoto)

Eiffel Tower feted

'The Iron Lady' turns 100

PARIS, June 18, (Reuter): France kicked off a summer of lavish celebrations marking the bicentenary of the 1789 Revolution last night wishing its most famous landmark — the Eiffel Tower — a happy 100th birthday.

Up to 400,000 people turned out for the 89-million-franc \$13-million party, right-wing Mayor Jacques Chirac's answer to state organised bicentenary festivities planned for next month.

The performance opened with Spanish tenor Placido Domingo singing the revolutionary "Marseillaise" on a huge stage erected under the iron tower's main arch.

The Eiffel Tower, once reviled as a metal monstrosity but now regarded as a symbol of Paris, was commissioned by the Paris exhibition to mark the first centenary of the French Revolution in 1889.

WASHINGTON: As many as 300 anti-abortion demonstrators were arrested yesterday in an eight-hour protest at a Connecticut clinic where abortions are performed, while dozens of protesters were arrested at a Fresno, California, sit-in, authorities said.

Police were called to the Summit Women's Centre in West Hartford, Connecticut, at about 8 am and were still in the scene nearly eight hours later breaking up the demonstration, said Officer Douglas Ahlstrom.

He said police made "probably 250 to 300" arrests on charges including criminal trespass and interfering with police.

Holding gruesome photo placards of aborted fetuses and singing "God Bless America," the protesters refused a police order to disperse at 8.30 am. Clinic employees arriving at 7 am had been unable to enter the building. (UPI)

SALT LAKE CITY: A bus may not be a romantic vehicle for many people, but David Lujan and Nina Randolph plan to be married on one because that is where they fell in love. "We instantly liked each other," said Lujan, who met Randolph seven months ago while he was riding the bus to work and she was on her way to nursing classes at Salt Lake Community College.

"We rode the same bus for quite some time," he said, "and the rest, as they say, is history."

Lujan and Randolph will be married June 29 on a Utah Transit Authority simulated 19th century trolley used to carry tourists around Salt Lake's downtown area. (UPI)

PARIS: American band leader and trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie got a warm welcome when French Culture Minister Jack Lang named him Commander of Arts and Letters, one of France's most prestigious awards for excellence in the arts.

An all-star lineup of American jazz greats was on hand for the ceremonies in the gilded salons of the Culture Ministry, which was packed with fans.

Saxophone player Stan Getz, vibraphonist Bill Jackson, bass player Percy Heath, pianist Hank Jones, singer Billy Eckstine, drummer Max Roach and saxophonist Jackie McLean and Phil Woods were made officers of arts and letters. (AP)

ROME: Mino Maccari, a noted artist and founder of a satirical magazine that opposed the fascism of Benito Mussolini, died at the age of 91, his family said yesterday.

Maccari died last Friday at home of natural causes, they said.

The painter and graphic artist co-founded the magazine "L'Espresso" (The Savage) in 1924 and became its main illustrator.

After the magazine ceased publication in 1943, Maccari continued to write and draw satire of Italian life, especially of the upper classes and the powerful. (AP)

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SAN FRANCISCO: Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark, who has been studying winemaking from Robert Mondavi, apparently was allowed no wine before his time.

The prince was not permitted to drink wine during his five-month stay at the Mondavi's home until last month, when he turned 21, said the winery's Tim Mondavi. The legal drinking age in California is 21.

He was not allowed to have wine "even with his meals," said Tim Mondavi. The prince has finished his studies, winery officials said.

"Nobody knew he was the next king of Denmark," said Mondavi Winery spokesman Harvey Pearst. He also was not paid during his internship at the winery, where his working day was 8 am to 5 pm. (AP)



Paycheck in concert

CHILLICOTHE, Ohio: Country singer Johnny Paycheck got a roaring round of applause for singing his outlaw ballads to a captive audience, who also happened to be fellow inmates.

Paycheck, who was sent to prison Feb. 7, and country music star Merle Haggard appeared in two concerts at the Chillicothe Correctional Institute.

"It was like a kid with a new toy," Paycheck said following the afternoon concert for nearly 1,000 inmates.

Paycheck, 50, was sentenced to 7 to 9 1/2 years in prison for his conviction in the December 1985 shooting of a man in a tavern.

Inmates yelled their approval, whistled, clapped and stomped the floor when Paycheck opened with "I'm the Only Hell My Mama Ever Raised." He also performed "Take This Job and Shove It," the 1978 release that was the biggest hit of his 25-year career.

NEW ORLEANS: He doesn't have Paul Newman's electric blue eyes — his are more blue-green. His hair is blonder, and at 42, he is 22 years younger, but Fred Lewis looks enough like Newman to be enjoying a lot of attention.

Lewis, Newman's double during the movie "Blaze," was mobbed when he stepped out of a limousine during filming in the north Louisiana town of Winnfield.

"They said how great it was to meet me, and that they had seen me on the screen for years," Lewis said. "I tried to tell them that they had the wrong fellow, but they just didn't want to hear that."

The movie casts Newman as former Louisiana Governor Earl K. Long during his whirlwind relationship with stripper Blaze Starr. (AP)

Neo-Nazi skinheads recruiting in schools

NEW YORK, June 18, (UPI): Neo-Nazi skinhead groups are proliferating across the country, recruiting high school students and arming their members with more dangerous weapons, including semiautomatic rifles, it was reported yesterday.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith said skinhead groups that formed in the West are organising chapters in many parts of the country, particularly in the Southeast.

Skinhead gangs, whose members shave their heads and wear Nazi insignia, operate in as many as 31 states and have about 3,000 members, the ADL said in a special report, "skinheads target the schools."

That is a dramatic increase from last October when the ADL reported in a similar study that skinhead groups were operating in 21 states with 2,000 members.

While still concentrated in Western states, there has been a rapid rise in skinhead activity against Jews, blacks, Hispanics and other minority groups in the South, Midwest and New England, the report said.

The skinheads are turning to high schools for new members, with recruiting efforts reported at schools in Phoenix, Orlando in Florida, Waco, Austin and Houston in Texas, Orange County in New York, McKeesport in Pennsylvania, and eastern Oregon, the ADL said.

"Skinheads assaulting minority students, scrawling racist graffiti on school lockers, walls and doors, shouting racial epithets and distributing racist flyers poison the total school atmosphere," said Anti-Defamation League national chairman Burton S. Levinson.

The report said students, teachers and administrators arrived at Oak Ridge High School in Orlando earlier this month to find two flags raised above the school, one proclaiming, "White power," the other bearing the insignia of the American Front, a San Francisco skinhead group. Portable classrooms were sprayed-painted with swastikas.

Mob leader found dead

Rackets figure shot

BOSTON, June 18, (UPI): Law enforcement officials are bracing themselves for a possible mob war after one man with close ties to reputed New England crime boss Raymond "Junior" Patriarca was found shot to death in the Connecticut River and another was wounded in a parking lot ambush.

The body of William P. "Billy" Grasso, 62, was fished Friday from the Connecticut River in Wethersfield. He was shot once in the back of the head, an autopsy showed yesterday.

Last year, the FBI identified Grasso as Connecticut's organised crime chief and as the regional underboss to Patriarca.

Several hours before Grasso's body was found, reputed Boston racketeer Francis P. Salemme, 56, was shot in the chest in an apparently bungled hit when he got out of his car at a pancake house in suburban Saugus, police said.

Police said one of four Hispanic men in a car opened fire on Salemme, who sprinted into a pizza shop as one man fired more than a dozen rounds at him from an automatic assault rifle.

Law enforcement officials also believe East Hartford restaurateur William Grant, a Grasso associate who has not been seen since March 1988, is also the victim of a mob killing.

One Rhode Island law enforcement official said the shootings may indicate displeasure with Patriarca's low-key leadership of the mob he inherited in 1984 on the death of his father, Raymond L.S. Patriarca ran the New

England mob with a tight fist for four decades.

Providence police Cmdr Richard S. Tamburini said the two shootings appeared to be related because both men were considered close to Patriarca.

"We have our people working closely with officials in Connecticut and Massachusetts trying to figure out what's going on in the Cosa Nostra family," Tamburini said.

In Boston, law enforcement officials said the activity could represent a mob struggle prompted by the February 1986 conviction of reputed Boston crime boss Gennaro Angiulo, sent to federal prison for racketeering.

Grasso's clothed body was discovered Friday by two fishermen at the river's edge. An autopsy showed Grasso died from a gunshot wound and the Chief Medical Examiner's Office ruled his death a homicide, Connecticut state police Sgt. Scott O'Mara said.

O'Mara said state police are working with Wethersfield police in the investigation and with the FBI and other law enforcement agencies. He said state police have no evidence to prove Grasso's death was related to the mob.

"There's speculation all over but none of that has been substantiated through investigation yet," O'Mara said. "We have to really look into it and see if it has relevancy."

"From the state police perspective, we are now working on solving a homicide."

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Beatles' Bentley is up for bids

NEW YORK, June 18, (Reuter): John Lennon's psychedelic Bentley, a rare script of "Citizen Kane" and the figure-hugging costumes of transvestite film star Divine will go under the hammer this week at a huge auction of show-business relics.

The 1956 Bentley S-1 is the "big ticket item" at the Christie's auction on Wednesday — advertised as the celebrity trivia sale of the century.

There is also considerable interest in 100 lots of Divine goods, as well as miscellaneous possessions of Elvis Presley, Babe Ruth, Humphrey Bogart and Marilyn Monroe.

The Bentley is expected to fetch \$1 million and the "Citizen Kane" script \$90,000.

The car was originally owned by the Countess of Middleton, but it was Lennon who made it famous, commissioning a customised paint job, fitting out the interior with rugs and wood panelling for cruising around the swinging London of the late 60s.

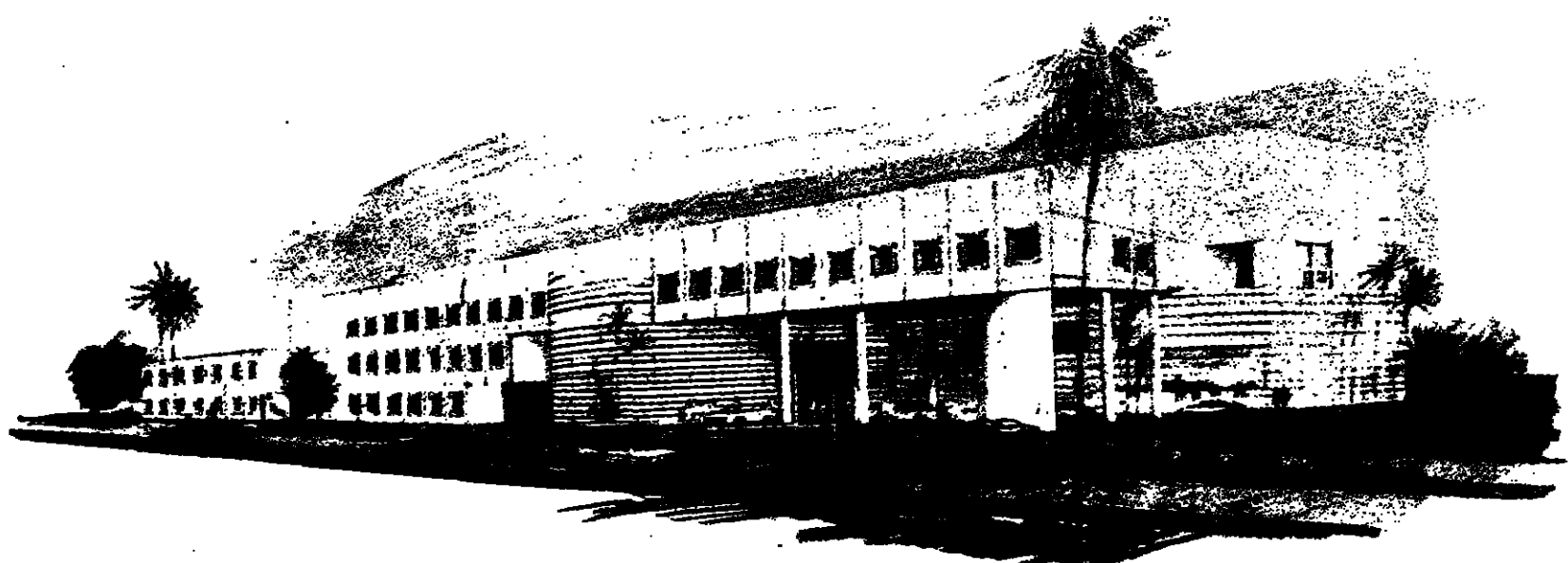
Painted orange, green, pink, lavender, maroon, yellow and blue, it was originally meant for all the Beatles as a touring car but Lennon adopted for his personal use. He sold the car in 1968 and it has had several owners since.

The "Citizen Kane" script is unique because it is bound together with a first draft of the script "America," the film's first working title.

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Soviet system ignores children

NEW YORK, June 18, (AP): During times of deprivation, Soviets have comforted themselves with the belief that their children would have better lives, but glasnost is making them painfully aware of how untrue that can be, a Soviet journalist says.

"There was an expression that 'Children are the only privileged class,'" said Natalie Darialova. That belief was easy to maintain during the decades that officials did not acknowledge social problems and considered those who did to be undermining Communism.

But now, under the recent policies of more openness, Soviets are finding that the system has failed the children, leaving them neglected at home or stupefied with boredom, she said.

An estimated 300,000 are consigned to orphanages that Ms. Darialova said do little more than feed and clothe them.

In a recent interview in New York while on a private trip, Darialova said the root of those abuses was the top-heavy bureaucracy and the corruption that flourished during Leonid Brezhnev's years as Soviet leader.

Pressure

In addition, she said, society's pressure on women to work — and their need for the extra income — forced many families to neglect their children. A prominent Soviet sociologist reported last year that 94 per cent of Soviet adult women worked and that working mothers spent an average of just 30 minutes a week "on spiritual communication with their children."

Darialova began investigating the problems of youth in 1985 when she was assigned by the weekly Literary Gazette (Literaturnaya Gazeta) to do a story about five children who died in a house fire. The children had been left unattended.

When she asked local authorities why the parents hadn't been able to find someone to watch the children, "I found that no one was in charge" of child welfare, she said. "The local Soviets (councils) had no authority, no money. They were the poorest bodies."

"Under Brezhnev, social and cultural programmes were cut. Much money went to who knows where," she said.

The bleakness of life in many Soviet cities is, in effect, a sort of child abuse, Darialova said. Many children have little to do with their free time and energy.

That can lead to street crime, which Soviet figures say has risen by about 40 per cent in the past year, or other anti-social behaviour. One press report bemoaned motorcycle gangs made up of "minors who like to ride with the wind."

"Imagine a city with no cultural facilities. Children can go out and buy a bottle of wine, and the road to crime is open," she said, explaining that "cultural facilities" meant movies and places to hear rock music, as well as opera and classical music.

Although the government has begun an extensive programme to combat alcohol abuse by hiking prices and raising the drinking age to 21, it has not reduced children's desire to combat boredom through intoxication, she said. They have learned, like their counterparts in the West, that a medicine cabinet can provide a cheap and convenient, if unreliable, high, she said.

Nadir

Darialova said the nadir of the system is its orphanages, which "yield awful crops... one of 10 criminals comes from the orphanages."

There, "the main problem is the lack of spiritual care, lack of affection," she said. The children are fed and clothed and given basic education, but do not learn how to cope with day-to-day life, she said.

"Upon leaving the orphanages, they have no idea how to use the subway, how to cook," she said.

One area in which all children need better real-life education is in sexual matters, she said. But there, she has found, prudishness and political orthodoxy often stand in the way.

Darialova told of being commissioned to write the script for a television programme dealing the issues of love.

"The editor said: 'The main thing is missing'... She said 'There is not a single word about love for country,'" she recalled. Coming to grips with their children's problems has been traumatic for many Soviets because "in general there is much love. All their lives is in their children... Russian babushkas (grandmothers) are famous for their devotion."

Red Army shows off battlefield prowess

Soviets adopt new defence doctrine

BORISOV RANGE, USSR, June 18, (AP): To the thud of artillery fire and the whir of helicopter gunships, Soviet tanks raced across a grassy plain yesterday in war games staged to persuade visiting US brass that the Kremlin has embraced a purely defensive strategy.

"The purpose is to show our new defence doctrine," Gen. Mikhail Moiseyev, chief of the Soviet military's general staff, said of the manoeuvres at the Borisov range northeast of the Byelorussian capital of Minsk. "I'm the first chief of staff who hasn't been in battle, and I don't want to be."

Adm. William Crowe Jr., Chairman of the joint chiefs of staff and deputy

chiefs of the four US armed services watched from observation platforms as a Soviet motorised rifle battalion, under mock assault, fell back to dugout positions. It then created what the military calls a "sack" to trap enemy armour under withering crossfire, then counter-attacked.

Wave after wave of MI-24 helicopter gunships, the terror of the rebels who fought the Soviets in Afghanistan, swooped through the red sky, firing rockets at more than 700 moving targets dragged by chains and at radio-guided tanks simulating enemy forces.

The remote-controlled tanks set up plumes of yellow flame as T-72 tanks

scored direct hits with live ammunition from more than a mile (1.6 kms) away. From dugouts, BMP-2 infantry fighting vehicles fired hundreds of rounds from their 30-mm cannons, the tracers shooting across the gently undulating terrain like green and white Roman candles.

To drive home the Soviets' point that they have adopted a wholly defensive strategy, 17 T-72 tanks and armoured vehicles that counter-attacked across the grassy plain were ordered to recapture only the ground lost in the two-hour exercise.

Crowe told reporters he was impressed by the "demonstration of fire-

power" and the prowess of Soviet troops, but that it was still too early to decide whether what the Pentagon described in 1988 as "the Soviet military threat" has eased.

The admiral has devoted much of his 11-day visit to the Soviet Union to assessing the military thought proclaimed since Mikhail Gorbachev came to power in March 1985. The doctrine, known as "reasonable sufficiency," says the Soviets only need enough soldiers and weapons to defend their country, and that anything else may be trimmed.

However, in a speech to a Moscow military academy Tuesday, Crowe said

that despite unilateral cuts, the Soviets have "overwhelming numbers" and that he still assumes they might attack.

"They've spent a lot of time explaining to us that their doctrine is defensive," Gen. Joseph West, deputy commander of the US Marines, said at the Borisov range, 700 kilometres (430 miles) west of Moscow. However, he added: "Their offensive capabilities haven't diminished. The rest of a defensive posture is how those capabilities are used."

West acknowledged that the new military doctrine was "the beginning of change" and that it is turning heads in the US.

"As they scale down their numbers — a half-million men now — and as they signal substantial reductions in defence expenditures, it's clearly changing the attitude of our own people, of our Congress," West said.

The general said he also changed his view because of what he has seen during Crowe's trip, including a Friday visit to a Leningrad cemetery where many of the 750,000 people who died defending the city during World War II are buried. "A total of 20 million Soviets were killed in almost four years of fighting against Nazi Germany."

"That's an experience the Russian people had."



A word of consolation

Ozal (right) visiting a packed refugee camp near the Bulgarian border on June 17, talks with two ethnic Turkish women deported from Bulgaria. The refugees are arriving at a rate of more than 4,000 daily and the camps are facing difficulties in providing accommodation for everyone. (Reuter wirephoto)

Talks on refugees welcomed by Ozal

ISTANBUL, June 18, (Reuter): Condemning what he called a "black stain" on Bulgarian history, Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal said today he welcomes talks at any time to regulate a mass exodus of ethnic Turks from Bulgaria.

"The test camps on the border displayed the plight of a people similar to those escaping war," Ozal told an Istanbul news conference after visiting the refugee-packed frontier with Bulgaria.

"This is a black, black stain on Bulgarian history... repression can not and will not go unopposed," Ozal said.

Ozal, who said 37,000 to 40,000 ethnic Turks had fled or been deported from Bulgaria in the past three weeks, said he still hoped for a humanitarian solution through political pressure.

The prime minister said he had not so far had official confirmation of a report from Sofia today that Bulgaria had accepted Turkey's repeated calls for talks on the exodus.

"But we are ready at any time for talks, without preconditions, to reach a comprehensive refugee agreement," Ozal said.

Bulgarian Prime Minister Georgi Atanasov said yesterday he was ready to talk with Turkey on the mass exodus.

"We have always been and are still ready for meetings and discussions on all existing bilateral problems," Atanasov said in a statement to the official Bulgarian news agency BTA.

The accord should specify how many ethnic Turks would be sent over and solve the question of split families, belongings, retirement benefits and the situation of those who were left behind, Ozal said.

Bulgaria denies it is expelling anyone but says large numbers of people were leaving under the influence of hostile propaganda. It says the Turkish minority are Bulgarians forced to convert to Islam during the Ottoman Empire.

Ankara says at least two million ethnic Turks living in Bulgaria have been subjected to an assimilation campaign since 1984, when Sofia forced ethnic Turks to adopt Slavic names, banned the Turkish language and certain Islamic customs.

NATO-member Turkey says Bulgarian forces have killed at least 50 ethnic Turks since they started a campaign of hunger strikes and protests against assimilation on May 6.

"When they refused to be subdued, they have been surrounded by tanks and fired upon. They have been deported, jailed, maimed or shot dead," Ozal said.

He said ethnic Turkish family members had been forced to stay behind in Bulgaria as ransom. "This is oppression in its most cruel form."

Turkey wanted both Eastern and Western countries to put political pressure on Bulgaria and was aware of Libyan, Iranian and Kuwaiti offers to mediate, he said.

Mass exodus continues Tears and prayers

KAPIKULE, Turkey, June 18, (Reuter): Under the watchful gaze of Bulgarian border guards, a girl sings a patriotic Turkish song for 2,000 emotional deportees and their new leader.

When the song ends the mass of new arrivals from Bulgaria, waving red-and-white Turkish flags, erupts in a frenzy of cheering and dancing. Some people weep. Others pray.

A boy pockets a dusty moment — a handful of gravel that Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's open-top bus went over as it inched towards the border gate through a maze of vehicles and pushcarts piled high with mattresses and other household goods.

As the premier stands by the gate to greet fresh arrivals, including women laden with their worldly possessions, the crowd shouts "Ozal, Ozal" while an Ottoman march blares from the bus.

Such were the emotions when Ozal visited the bleak Kapiokule Crossing this weekend to welcome the latest batch of over 35,000 ethnic Turkish deportees and visiting others in makeshift camps.

In the distance, past the concrete border post and military observation towers, the start of what deportees said was a 15-km (nine-mile) queue of people waiting to enter Turkey was seen.

"This is becoming a huge tragedy. Other countries should put pressure on Bulgaria to prevent this human tragedy," Ozal told reporters who travelled with him in helicopters from Istanbul.

NATO-member Turkey estimates there are two million ethnic Turks, from peasants to professionals, in Bulgaria. It has said it will take all of them if necessary.

"Closing our border is not an option. We cannot close it to our people. We did not close out Kurdish refugees coming from Iraq (last year)," he said.

There were no signs of unusual military

activity while flying over the rolling landscape, viewed by NATO planners as the most likely route for any Warsaw Pact thrust against Turkey.

Refugees started arriving in May after ethnic Turks began hunger strikes and marches to protest at Bulgaria's 4-1/2-year campaign to forcibly assimilate its mainly Muslim minority.

Turkey says 50 people were killed in the demonstrations.

Bulgaria denies it is expelling anyone but says many are leaving under the influence of anti-Bulgarian propaganda. It also denies the existence of a Turkish minority, saying they were forced to convert to Islam during Ottoman-Turkish rule.

"This terrible thing is over for us," said Kadir Iliaz, a concrete mixer from the Bulgarian Black Sea port of Varna.

"Police gave us 24 hours to leave. There are many people still left and we fear the Bulgarians may stop them coming here," he said at a makeshift refugee camp with rows of white bivouac tents near Edirne, 30 km (20 miles) from Kapiokule.

Ozal and his wife, Semra, strode into the crush of refugees at the Edirne camp and another at Luleburgaz to the east, to the consternation of his bodyguards.

Officials said about 20 alleged deportees were being investigated on suspicion of being Bulgarian undercover agents.

Space appeared limited at the camps and officials said most of the refugees, arriving at a rate of more than 4,000 daily, were being put up by relatives and other ethnic Turks.

Former defence minister Ercan Vuralhan, a co-ordinator for the refugees, said Bulgaria had started a scare campaign in the camps, alleging doctors were giving children killer vaccines.

Bulgarians were alleged to have told would-be refugees that Turkey had no food, probably accounting for the large accounts of bread brought over the border by ethnic Turks.

Palme trial stirs press ethics debate

Swedish papers ask what's in a name

STOCKHOLM, June 18, (AP): Swedes may be the last people on earth to learn the name and picture of the accused killer of Sweden's Prime Minister Olof Palme — at least if they depend on their national newspapers.

Carl Gustaf Christer Petersson, who is on trial for the 1986 shooting, is known here only as "the 42-year-old."

Under self-imposed Swedish press rules, the identity of a criminal suspect is never published until he is convicted and sentenced, and even then it must clearly be in the public interest.

Violations can bring fines for a newspaper and its senior editor. The rule is meant to guarantee protection for the innocent.

But the exceptional case of the Palme murder trial has put the

rule under a strain, and several provincial papers have removed their muzzles.

"Christer Petersson is a historic person, whether guilty or not," said Per Ahlstrom, editor of Nya Norrland, a daily with a circulation of 20,000 in the northern town of Harnosand.

"I find that there is evident public interest that the name of the person accused of the murder becomes public knowledge," he said.

International news agencies and foreign newspapers published Petersson's identity and his police mug shot after he was formally charged last December.

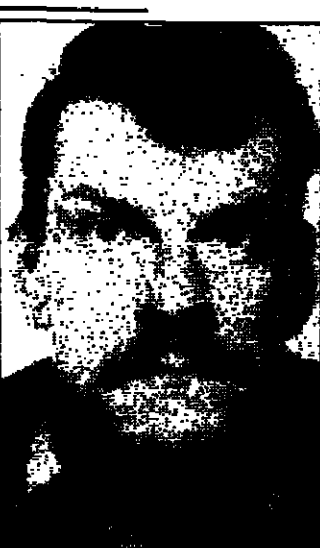
Swedish papers ran into difficulty when Petersson, known as "the 41-year-old" at the time of his arrest in December, had a

birthday in April. For a few weeks he was referred to as "the 42-year-old former 41-year-old."

About 20 local newspapers have broken the restrictions, arguing that it was ridiculous to try to hide the identity when foreign newspapers reporting on the trial were widely available in Sweden.

Other absurdities in the continued suppression have become evident.

Under Swedish Freedom of Information Laws, Petersson's name was available after prosecutors filed the indictment last month. Anyone who calls the Stockholm District Court can ask the court clerk to read it over the telephone.



Petersson: nameless

Progress in Start treaty talks unlikely

Moscow eager to sign accord

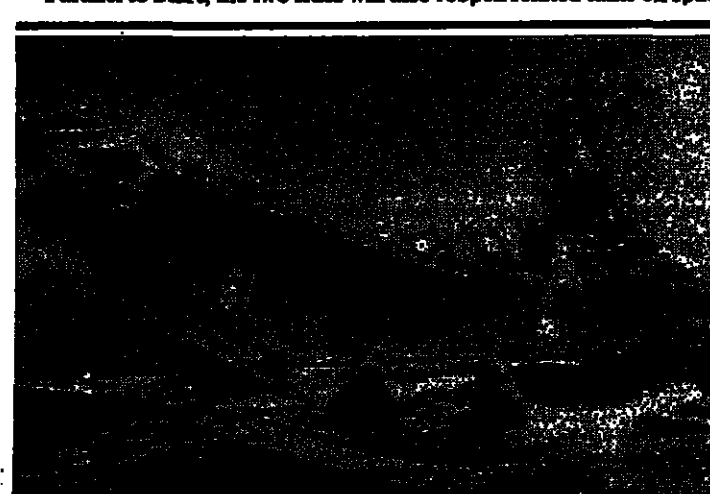
GENEVA, June 18, (Agencies): US-Soviet talks on sharply cutting long-range nuclear forces resume tomorrow after a seven-month hiatus, with both sides indicating no major changes in negotiating positions. The seven-month break was called for by President George Bush to allow his administration to review the US negotiating stance under former president Ronald Reagan.

On Friday, White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said that the "previous administration left an excellent foundation on which to build," and that "there will be considerable degree of continuity" at the Geneva talks under Bush.

The new Soviet delegation leader, Yuri Nazarkin, indicated upon arrival in Geneva that Moscow's fundamental positions also remain unchanged.

New US chief envoy to the Start negotiations is Richard Burt, former ambassador to West Germany and a military expert. Lem Masterkov continues as Soviet negotiator.

Parallel to Start, the two sides will also reopen related talks on space and defence issues.



A peace protest

Members of the international environment organisation Greenpeace protest against the US warship "Iowa," that anchored in Kiel, West Germany today with nuclear weapons on board. The "Iowa" came for a visit for the sailing event "Kiel Week."

Pakistan seeks pact with India

Inspection of nuclear sites

ISLAMABAD, June 18, (AP): Pakistani negotiators meeting with their Indian counterparts have called for agreement on a bilateral treaty opening each country's nuclear facilities to mutual inspection, an official said today.

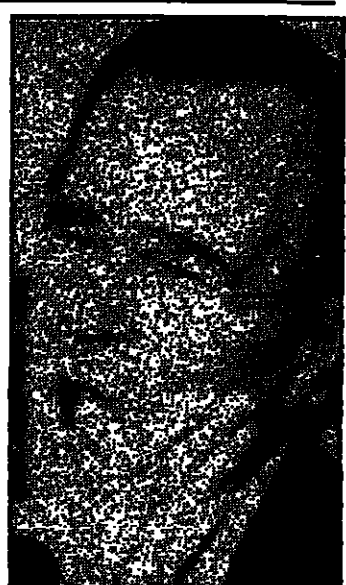
Pakistan's Foreign Secretary Humayun Khan told a news conference Pakistan reiterated its "readiness and willingness to enter into any bilateral arrangement" on the nuclear issue with India, but "we didn't go into any great detail."

India's Foreign Secretary Sheldandra Singh refused to comment at the end of the two-day talks.

Pakistan has repeatedly denied it is making a nuclear weapon. Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto told US President George Bush on June 6, that Pakistan's nuclear programme is exclusively non-military.

But US government sources said last Wednesday in Washington that US intelligence is watching Pakistan's nuclear programme to determine if it is indeed non-military.

Bush reportedly told Benazir he needed more than assurances before he could certify to Congress that Pakistan does not have a nuclear weapon, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.



Bush

Bush's certification is necessary before Congress approves a \$400-million package of military and economic aid to Pakistan.

Pakistan's defence and foreign secretaries have held a series of talks with their Indian counterparts in Islamabad during the past week in a bid to smooth often strained relations.

The two countries have gone to war three times since Pakistan was created from India in 1947. The latest was in 1971.

Radioactive leak

HONG KONG, June 18, (Reuter): A Hong Kong airline said packaging around a container carrying radioactive medical supplies on a flight from London today had been damaged but denied reports that a radioactive leak had occurred.

Cathay Pacific Airways spokesman David Bell said outer packaging on the container was damaged while being unloaded at Hong Kong airport, but no radioactive leak occurred.

"Even if it had leaked, the levels would have been so low as not to have been dangerous, it would have been within accepta-

ble levels," he said adding the airline did not carry highly radioactive material on passenger flights.

"Any exposure would have been minimal."

Bell denied comments earlier by a government spokeswoman who said emergency services had been alerted before flight CX 250 landed at Hong Kong's Kai Tak airport.

The mishap was discovered after the plane landed, he said.

He described reports by a local radio station that six people had been contaminated by radioactivity as unlikely.

Sky-high cost of space-age US plane

WASHINGTON, June 18, (Reuter): The radar-avoiding B-2 "Stealth" bomber takes off on a maiden flight within weeks, launching a Pentagon fight with Congress on whether to spend over \$530 million each to build 132 of them.

The futuristic craft will be virtually flown by computers and carry a crew of only two. It is designed to carry nuclear and other bombs and missiles to the heart of the Soviet Union at treetop level in time of war.

With legislators already grumbling over earlier estimates that the programme would cost an unprecedented \$70 billion, the Defence Department told the Senate Armed Services Committee last week that figure could increase by \$3 billion or more.

"In the interests of full candour, there is some concern when we look out to the (future)," Deputy Defence Secretary Donald Atwood testified.

Critics say the revolutionary delta wing aircraft, built by the Northrop Corporation from space-age composite materials to absorb rather than reflect Soviet radar signals, could cost \$600 million each.

Many commentators doubt Congress will approve full production until flight tests are complete — and possibly until East-West arms control talks shed light on a need for Stealth.

Sri Lanka to take its case to UN to get Indian troops out

COLOMBO, June 18, (KUNA): Sri Lanka's government is moving ahead to address the United Nations about the pull-out of the Indian Peace-keeping Force (IPKF) by July 29 — the deadline President Ranasinghe Premadasa has set for the Indian troops to leave, authoritative government sources said yesterday.

The sources, who wished to remain anonymous, also said that internationally eminent Lankan lawyers who are living abroad as expatriates are preparing to go before the World Court to charge that the presence of the Indian Peace-keeping Force on Sri Lanka soil amounts to aggression against a free and independent nation.

Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lakshman Jayakody voiced the same opinion and said Sri Lanka will have no other option if the present dispute aggravates further.

Indian Premier Rajiv Gandhi has said the IPKF cannot be withdrawn until the North-east Provincial Council controlled by the New Delhi-backed Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF) is vested with full devolution powers. The EPRLF is opposing an IPKF withdrawal and has threatened to declare a separate state.

Meanwhile, the current anti-Indian boycott in Sri Lanka launched by the Sinhala radical wing in the South Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) was described today by a senior Tamil government minister with close links to India as "playing with fire."

Saumyamoorthy Thondaman, minister of rural industrial development and textile industries and chief of the 600,000-strong Ceylon Workers' Congress, which controls the majority of Indian-origin labour in the

plantations, warned that if as a result of the continuing boycott Indian citizens are attacked, the IPKF already in the north and east of the island will surely come to Colombo.

He said: "The Indians will be forced to do what the Americans did in Grenada." Saying he was not certain whether it was the JVP that issued the boycott call, Thondaman added there will be serious consequences if Indian citizens are attacked.

Meanwhile, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) claims it has uncovered a "notorious plot hatched by the Indian military authorities in collusion with its armed groups to sabotage the current peace talks between the LTTE and the government of Sri Lanka and to discredit the integrity of our organisation."

Agreement on Siachen glacier

ISLAMABAD, June 18, (Reuters): India and Pakistan have agreed to observe a 17-year-old peace agreement and redeploy their forces on a disputed Himalayan glacier to reduce the possibility of conflict, a Pakistani official said today.

Foreign Secretary Humayun Khan told reporters the agreement reached yesterday over the Siachen glacier removed a potential source of conflict between the two regional rivals.

In 1972, India and Pakistan signed a peace agreement at the Indian resort of Simla after their war over Bangladesh, agreeing to a military control line in disputed Kashmir state, where Siachen lies 6,300 metres (20,700 feet)

above sea level.

The two countries' forces have clashed frequently at the world's highest battleground since 1984 after India took over some parts of Siachen claimed by Pakistan.

"Both sides committed themselves to the observance of the Simla agreement and relocation of forces to positions occupied at the time of the Simla agreement," Humayun Khan said. "The exact location of these positions will be worked out in detail by the military authorities of the two countries."

Humayun Khan today ended two days of talks with his Indian counterpart S.K. Singh to review progress in improving ties between their countries.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Earth Rest Day

MANILA, June 18, (AP): An environmental group is urging President Corason to declare June 21 "Earth Rest Day" as part of a world-wide effort to preserve the environment.

Maimo Kalaw, president of Haribon Foundation, said in a letter to Aquino that "through this Earth Rest Day, we hope to join the rest of the world in awakening our hearts, minds and spirits to the plight of our endangered planet."

The government's Department of Environment and Natural Resources has warned of the rapid denudation of Philippine forests due to illegal logging and slash-and-burn farming.

In a report, the department said the country's forest cover is down to 25 per cent, less than half of the ideal 54 per cent on the basis of slope, resulting in siltation and soil erosion. Loss of genetic diversity also has become a pressing problem, the report said, adding that 18 species of wildlife are listed as endangered while another 25 are on the threatened list.

Kurds rush in

MANCHESTER, June 18, (Reuters): Seventy-two Turkish Kurds fled into Britain seeking political asylum yesterday less than a week before the introduction of measures aimed at stemming a recent influx.

A Home Office spokesman said 12 of the Kurds were being detained and the 60 others had been released. All their cases would be considered individually, he said.

The Kurds, who arrived at Manchester airport from Istanbul, were seeking asylum because they feared persecution at home, the spokesman said.

More than 1,500 Turkish Kurds claimed asylum in Britain last month and the government last week said it would introduce entry visas for Turks from June 23 to stem the flow.

North American trip

DHARMSALA, India, June 18, (AP): The Dalai Lama, spiritual and temporal leader of Tibetans, will travel later this month to the United States, Mexico and Costa Rica.

His first stop after leaving India on June 24 will be Costa Rica, where he will be the guest of President Oscar Arias Sanchez and will address a conference organised by the University of Peace in San Jose.

The Dalai Lama, who has lived in exile in Dharmasala since fleeing his Chinese-governed homeland in 1959, will stop in Mexico City on June 30 to meet Christian leaders.

On July 4, he is scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles to perform an elaborate, two-week Buddhist teaching rite known as "the Wheel of Time."

His last stop will be New York City on July 21, where he is to receive the first annual Raoul Wallenberg Congressional Human Rights Award.

Journalist's murder

MEXICO CITY, June 18, (AP): The former head of Mexico's domestic security force was indicted for murder yesterday in the assassination of a prominent investigative journalist who may have known too much about the ex-official's drug trafficking ties.

Jose Antonio Zorrilla is accused of masterminding the May 30, 1984, death of his friend, the muckraking columnist and author Manuel Buen-dia.

Yankee go home

SAN JUAN, June 18, (Reuters): Tens of thousands of pro-independence activists marched yesterday outside the building where US senators were holding a second day of hearings on a proposed plebiscite to decide Puerto Rico's political status.

The estimated 40,000 demonstrators, waving white-starred national flags, filed past the building for more than an hour. A banner at the head of the procession read "No more colony," and marchers shouted "Yankee go home." Police reported no violence.

Fire on Pacific Isle

MOSCOW, June 18, (Reuters): A huge fire has raged out of control for the past week in the Soviet Pacific island of Sakhalin, destroying thousands of hectares (acres) of forest, Pravda reported today.

The newspaper said the fire, the latest in a series since the start of the month, had broken out on June 10 in the northeast Nogliki region of the island, which lies directly north of Japan.

Protect Antarctica

PARIS, June 18, (Reuters): Environmental crusader Jacques Cousteau today said Australian Prime Minister Robert Hawke had promised to support his campaign to make the Antarctic an international wilderness reserve.

Cousteau emerged from breakfast with Hawke, on a four-day visit to France, saying: "We have almost the same position on the protection of the Antarctic... we will work together."

The 78-year-old undersea explorer is campaigning against a new convention which sets guidelines for mining and drilling in Antarctica. The convention was hammered out last year in the New Zealand capital Wellington to replace an existing 1959 treaty.

Pope beatifies

VATICAN CITY, June 18, (Reuters): Pope John Paul II today beatified an Italian bishop who worked with the poor and an Italian nun who helped improve education for women.

The beatifications at a mass in St Peter's Square of Antonio Luciani and Elisabetta Renzi were the penultimate steps in the Roman Catholic process towards sainthood.

Luciani, bishop of Bovino in Apulia until his death in 1752, gave much of his money to help feed starving children and was also an influential theologian.

Renzi, born into a wealthy family in 1786, entered the church and founded an order of nuns dedicated to educating women.

Haughey faces political crisis

DUBLIN, June 18, (Agencies): Charles Haughey, his dreams of an overall majority shattered in Ireland's snap election, faces a political crisis in his battle to become prime minister for the fourth time.

Haughey, who plunged the country into chaos by calling the election which left him worse off than before, has two weeks to wheel and deal his way back to power.

When the marathon two-day count was completed last night, Haughey's Fianna Fail party had 77 seats, six short of an overall majority in the 165-seat Dail (Parliament).

Next came the centre-right Fine Gael with 55. The resurgent left-wing Labour and Workers Parties, big winners in the poll, had 22 seats combined.

The Progressive Democrats, made up of Haughey dissidents, had six and the rest went to independents.

Protest votes helped to thwart Haughey. In the Roscommon constituency a pub owner snatched the seat after campaigning against hospital closures.

The Green Party, running a cash-starved campaign with just 600 members nationwide, won a seat in Dublin.

Three Army wives polled 7,000 votes in a campaign to win better pay for their soldier husbands.

Haughey, known as the great survivor of Irish politics, will need all his famed negotiating skills as he engages in horse-trading with independents and delicate backroom negotiations with the main opposition parties.

Haughey, who scraped back to power in 1987 on the casting vote of the speaker, faces another tightrope vote when Parliament returns on June 29 but insists: "We will form a government."

Putting a brave face on the biggest political miscalculation in his see-saw career, Haughey said: "It is no worse than it was. We were a minority government before the election. We are a minority now."

Admitting his gamble had backfired, the 63-year-old millionaire firmly ruled out another snap election this summer to break the political deadlock.

This was the fifth time in a row that Haughey had failed to win an overall majority from the fickle Irish electorate and opposition Fine Gael leader Alan Dukes taunted Haughey as a "five-time loser."

With the election turning into a political nightmare for him, Haughey will have to stage crisis talks with Dukes to get Ireland out of the political impasse.

In a rare display of consensus in Irish politics, Dukes backed Haughey's previous minority administration in its get-tough approach to Ireland's debt-ridden economy.

Now Dukes may exact a much higher price from the chastened and weakened Haughey, perhaps even demanding cabinet posts in return for his backing.

Dukes said he could not predict what would happen. "Wait and see," Dukes said yesterday morning, "because the vision we have in the heat of the moment may not be the best in the long term."

The returns indicated that Fianna Fail had been hurt by public anger over cuts in the health service, including the loss of 15 hospitals and by resistance to fishing licences in western Ireland.

Papandreou is facing acid test

Scandals big issue

ATHENS, June 18, (Agencies): Greeks voted today in national elections on whether to support Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou despite scandals dogging his government, or to bring down the curtain on eight years of socialist rule.

Opinion polls showed Papandreou's Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) 10 points behind the main opposition New Democracy Party but a large block of voters was undecided.

The latest polls gave New Democracy 42.6 per cent, PASOK 31.7, a new communist coalition 13, undecided 10.2 and smaller parties 2.5. The undecided vote will be crucial to PASOK.

Over 20,000 voting precincts, guarded by police and soldiers, opened at 6 am (0300 GMT) and were to close 15 hours later. Many voters in the capital area voted in warm clear weather shortly after the polls opened.



Jaruzelski casts his vote as his wife Barbara hurries him away from polling booth.

Poles go to polls for a second time

'Economy more important'

WARSAW, June 18, (Agencies): Poles went to the polls for the second time in two weeks today, with the opposition trying to win the few open parliamentary seats it did not clinch in the first round of Eastern Europe's freest elections in four decades.

The Communist Party hoped to lessen the stunning rebuff of the June 4 voting in which the independent Solidarity movement won 252 of the 261 seats open to it in the new National Assembly.

But it appeared turnout would be light among the approximately 27 million eligible voters. Some said they had made their views clear during the first round and wanted to turn their attention back to the economic difficulties of daily life.

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, voting before mass with his wife Danuta near his Gdansk home, predicted participation well below the 62 per cent recorded for the first round: "No more than 50 per cent at the most, but I may be wrong."

The National Election Commission said a paltry 8.55 per cent of the 27 million voters cast their ballots by noon, six hours after polling stations opened, compared with 23 per cent at the same point in the first round.

Polish leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, voting in Warsaw with his wife Barbara, said end-

ing the pre-determined elections of the past was a "risk" for the communist government necessary for the democratic reforms negotiated with the opposition.

With all but nine of the 203 elections open only by communist candidates and their allies who failed to get first-round majorities, Solidarity sought to bolster its success — and its power in the National Assembly — by endorsing the most reform-oriented party members in the runoff voting.

Eight seats remained undecided in the new freely elected 100-member Senate, where Solidarity candidates took 92 places by getting more than 50 per cent of the vote June 4.

Solidarity also won 160 of the 161 seats open to independent candidates in the 460-member Sejm (Parliament) during the first round.

But only three Sejm candidates from the Communist Party coalition — reformers who had gained support from Solidarity activists in their regions — won first-round victories.

And 33 of the 35 top government officials on the "national list" of unopposed Sejm candidates did not receive the required 50 per cent of the votes cast, and were replaced by 66 new candidates for the second round.

Twenty per cent of the country's 7.89 million registered voters — of a population of about 10 million — were expected to stay away. Many Greeks whose names have not been erased from the electoral rolls have actually emigrated over the years.

The first returns were expected within a few hours of the polls closing. Definitive results may not be available until early Monday morning.

Greeks 18 years old and above were obliged to vote. Penalties for not voting without a valid

LATEST: Counting began today in Greece's national election.

First indications on the composition of the new 300-seat Parliament were expected after midnight local time (2100 GMT).

reason ranged from stiff fines to withholding passports for one year.

Papandreou, 70, has plunged in popularity over the past 10 months because of his tangled love-life, a major bank embezzlement scandal and questions about his health following open-heart surgery in September.

A bitter public row with his American wife, Margaret, over ending their 38-year marriage severely damaged Papandreou's standing in a country where the institution of the family is esteemed.

He received his divorce two days before the vote but in the meantime showed off his lover, Olympic Airways hostess Dimitra Liani, 34, at international summits and on the campaign trail.

Main opposition leader Constantine Mitsotakis, mauled by Papandreou in the 1985 election, has steadfastly predicted a landslide victory and an absolute majority for his centre-right party in the 300-seat Parliament.

He has pledged to prosecute and jail any PASOK official found guilty of involvement in banking and arms scandals which have savaged the socialist government since October.

Mitsotakis, 70, also wants to launch an ambitious programme to deregulate the economy and let free competition prevail in the market place. He said unprofitable companies should close the state bailouts stop.

Political commentators have been predicting that because of a new voting law, which favours smaller parties, neither major party will have an absolute majority in Parliament. This could mean a coalition government or new elections within six weeks.

Papandreou, who first took the country by storm in a landslide victory in 1981, has focused his campaign on pledges of continuity and pursuing his social welfare programmes.

Those programmes have been directed primarily at the rural areas, left behind by other parties, and the countryside is still the backbone of PASOK support.

Death toll rises to 17 in Interflug jet crash

BERLIN, June 18, (AP): At least 17 people were killed when an East German jet carrying 113 people slammed into a runway, veered into a field, and burst into flames yesterday after an aborted take-off, officials said.

Forty-seven people were injured, 13 seriously, East German Transport Minister Otto Arndt said earlier. However, the state-run news agency ADN said two of the injured died overnight.

One of the dead was a farmer working in the field, ADN had quoted Arndt as saying.

The Moscow-bound jet, carrying 103 passengers and a crew of 10 was racing down the runway of East Berlin's Schoenefeld Airport and had lifted off slightly when the pilot decided to abort the takeoff, ADN said.

It was not immediately known why he aborted takeoff.

The Soviet-built Ilyushin II-62 slammed to the ground, careened through runway barriers, veered into a field, then burst into flames and broke apart, the news reports said.

"I felt an impact, and then the plane stopped and I saw flames," East German Television quoted an unidentified passenger as saying.

Passengers jumped from sections where the fuselage was torn open or slid down emergency chutes, ADN said.

Rescue workers found several bodies in an overnight search of the smouldering wreckage of the jet, owned by the state-run Interflug airline, ADN said. It did not say in its latest reports if more people were missing.

Most passengers were East Germans, according to ADN. The plane also carried 11 Soviet passengers, two from Poland, one from Italy and one from Nepal, the news agency said.

About 700 fire-fighters, police and other officials rushed to the scene to put out the fire and aid rescue efforts.

A pilot, who was not identified, helped passengers out of the burning aircraft even though he himself was injured, ADN said.

A newscast on East German television showed the airplane's smouldering wreckage resting in a field, its nose sheered off and pieces of metal scattered around.

European voters prefer sunshine

Apathy towards EEC Parliament

BRUSSELS, June 18, (Agencies): Sunshine across Europe sent voters flocking to beaches not ballot boxes today as seven countries chose their representatives in the European Economic Community Parliament.

From the Baltic Sea to the French Department of Reunion in the Indian Ocean, from the Portuguese Azores to the Greek island of Rhodes, more than 150 million citizens were eligible to decide the date of 321 seats in the Strasbourg-based assembly.

Brilliant weather everywhere but in Portugal left officials hoping those absent in the first hours would cast their ballots later in the day.

The vote in France, West Germany, Italy, Greece, Portugal, Belgium and Luxembourg rounded off the third direct elections for the EEC Parliament after Britain, Ireland, the Netherlands, Denmark and Spain picked their 197 deputies on Thursday.

Greece and Luxembourg also held parallel general elections, as did Ireland on Thursday.

Voting got off to a slow start in most parts today, fueling fears that average turnout for the whole of the community could drop below the 60 per cent in the last elections despite last-minute calls to show up in strength.

Official figures in Italy showed a 1.6 per cent drop in turnout after the first four hours of the ballot.

Portuguese President Mario Soares called on his country's eight million voters to back their representatives in Europe. He said in a national address yesterday.

day: "The legitimacy of our 24 deputies will be made all the stronger by a big turnout."

Voting is mandatory only in Greece, Belgium and Luxembourg.

In West Germany and France, where governments consider themselves driving forces behind the community's ambitious bid to knock down internal barriers by the end of 1992, record abstention rates of more than 50 per cent were predicted.

Only 13.8 per cent of the French electorate had cast their ballots by midday, compared with 18.7 per cent at the same time in the last European poll in 1984, the Interior Ministry said.

The Parliament is the only institution directly representing the EEC's 320 million citizens.

But its limited mandate makes it the weakest element in the triangle of power of the EEC's three main bodies, with the Brussels-based executive commission and the council of ministers dominating decision making.

Domestic issues have therefore dominated the campaigns of many candidates.

Polls carried out during recent weeks and after Thursday's vote indicated strengthened support for left-wing and Green parties on the European level.

Across the EEC, 7,126 candidates representing 178 national political parties ran for a seat in the Parliament, which meets one week a month in the French city of Strasbourg.

Recent opinion polls have shown many of the EEC nations either do not understand how the Parliament works or view it as little more than a talking shop.

Defence forces reject OAS plan

Panama in crisis

PANAMA CITY, June 18, (AP): The defence forces yesterday rejected a role in a three-way dialogue with opposition and government political parties on Panama's election crisis.

The proposal was made by a delegation from the Organisation of American States, which was sent to Panama after the government voided the May 7 presidential election.

International observers say the opposition won the election by a 3-1 margin.

The opposition seeks the resignation of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, head of the defence forces and Panama's de facto ruler. Noriega said in May he would not negotiate with the opposition.

Noriega's spokesman, Renato Pereira, told reporters yesterday that the defence forces would support negotiations between

the various political parties, but would not itself take part.

Pereira said the opposition wants "the military to participate in order to demand that it capitulate, but the military will not capitulate to politicians."

The fate of the military and of Noriega are not subjects for negotiation, he said.

The opposition on Friday agreed to the OAS proposal and said it looked forward to negotiating a transfer of power on Sept 1, the constitutional inauguration day.

The wreckage of a US helicopter that crashed, killing three servicemen, was moved to an undisclosed site yesterday, a US military official said.

Meanwhile, Panamanian and US military sources said that a dispute broke out Friday over who had jurisdiction over the crash site.

S. Africa bows to pressure, eases restriction on two activists

JOHANNESBURG, June 18, (UPI): Bowing to pressure from human rights lawyers and church leaders, the government has eased restrictions on two activists to allow them to participate in negotiations aimed at ending fighting between rival black organisations that has claimed more than 1,000 lives in the past two years.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Brig. Leon Mellet said yesterday the restrictions that put both activists under

house arrest from 8 pm to 5 am last week had been lifted after a review of their cases.

He denied allegations the government had imposed the curfew in a bid to frustrate the long-sought peace negotiations and said other restrictions on their activities remained unchanged, including limits on the number of people with whom they may meet.

The activists are 75-year-old Archie Gumede, co-president of the anti-apartheid umbrella organisation United

Democratic Front, and UDF treasurer and human rights lawyer Azhar Cachalia.

Both men, restricted under sweeping state of emergency regulations, had been expected to participate in negotiations between the UDF and Inkatha, the cultural and youth organisation of Zulu tribal region chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Talks originally scheduled to have started earlier this week are now expected to open tomorrow.

In an appeal to Vlok to lift the restric-

tions on Gumede, Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu described the activists as "one of the strongest voices in the region."

Tutu accused the government of deliberately attempting to scuttle the talks.

The law firm of which Cachalia is a partner also appealed to Vlok to ease the restriction order.

The turnabout coincides with vigorous efforts by the ruling National Party to put forward a more favourable international image in advance.

Amir to open Afro-Arab session today

24 foreign ministers to set stage for summit

KUWAIT, June 18, (KUNA): Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi arrived here last night to take part in the 10th session of the standing committee of Afro-Arab Co-operation, that HH the Amir will open tomorrow June 19, at Bayan Palace.

He was met at the airport by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Mohammed Al Osaibi and senior officials of the Foreign Ministry.

Klibi told KUNA upon arrival that Kuwait's hosting of the committee meetings, to be attended by 24 Arab and African countries, affirms once again Kuwait's prominent role on all levels, Arab, Islamic and international, under the guidance of HH the Amir.

He said the fact that the meetings are being held in Kuwait will enhance prospects for its success, thanks to the efforts of the Kuwait Foreign Ministry under the leadership of Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

Concluding, Klibi underlined the importance of the meetings for strengthening co-operation and understanding between the Arab and African groups.

An expert committee representing the Arab and African sides met yesterday afternoon at the Kuwait International.

The Arab side at the meeting was led by Assistant Arab League Secretary-General Adnan Omran while the African side was headed by Assistant Secretary-General of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

Committee sources said the meeting was devoted to discuss arrangements for the 10th session of the permanent Afro-Arab co-operation committee.

Agenda

The sources indicated that the committee also considered a draft agenda to be presented to a co-ordination meeting here today where the Arab side will be represented by Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and the Foreign Minister of Burkina Faso. Co-issu will be attending on the African side.

League Secretary Chadli Klibi and OAU Secretary Idi Oumarou will also be present at the co-ordination meeting.

All matters in respect of the session had been reviewed to avoid any procedural matters that might hinder agreement on the agenda topics, the committee sources stressed.

Meanwhile, Arab and African Foreign Ministers or their representatives started arriving here today to take part in the session. Among the early arrivals were Algerian Foreign Minister Bouallem Bessaïeh and Libyan Foreign Minister Jaddalah Azouz Al Talahi.

Assistant Arab League Secretary-General for International Affairs, Adnan Omran has underscored the necessity of boosting Afro-Arab co-operation, and enhancing its structures in achieving the ambitious and various goals set by the Cairo Charter of the first Arab-African summit held in March 1977 in Cairo.

In a press interview yesterday, Omran criticised the view that this co-operation is only in the economic field between rich Arab nations and poor African countries.

He said Western media had created this faulty view and exaggerated it as part of the hostile campaign that followed the oil revolution of 1973 while the truth is that oil countries exist both in Africa and the Arab world equally.

Needy

Omran added that the majority of these countries in the two areas did not witness the oil boom and do not possess capital surplus, pointing out that the Arab oil exists only in a portion of the Arab world that represents 10 per cent of Arab population while 90 per cent from Arab world are in need of assistance.

The Assistant Arab League Secretary-General mentioned that Arab countries with capital surplus had extended generous help to some African countries, stating that total Arab financial help to Africa reached \$10 billion over the past 10 years.

According to the Cairo Charter, Omran said, Afro-Arab co-operation is more comprehensive in its strategic line, including political, economic, cultural and social co-operation.

He pointed out that Arab countries sacrificed a lot for boycotting the racist regime of South Africa, not for personal gains but as a result of their belief in freedom.

Omran expressed sorrow for some African countries resuming their diplomatic relations with Israel, in contradiction with the principles of Afro-Arab co-operation outlined by the Cairo Charter, resolutions of Afro-Arab meetings, and resolution of UN general assembly of 1977 considering Zionism a form of racism.

Racism

"Africa, if it really wished to affirm its opposition to the racist regime of South Africa, should reject all forms of racism, everywhere," he said.

Six African countries have resumed links with Israel, severed following the Arab-

Cairo Charter of 1977 Bringing Arabs and Africans closer

KUWAIT, June 18, (KUNA): The Standing Commission for the Afro-Arab Co-operation starts its discussions here tomorrow for the second time in its 12-year history with an address by HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Jaber.

The 24-country commission, which convenes on the level of foreign ministers, also groups the secretary-generals of the Arab League and the Organisation of African Unity.

The Afro-Arab body is concerned with guaranteeing the implementation of the resolutions of the 1977 Afro-Arab summit in Cairo, looking into issues which support Afro-Arab co-operation and establishing specialised committees.

The commission meets bi-annually at headquarters of the Arab League or the OAU or at a member state. The first meeting was held in Yaounde back in November of 1977 and the 9th took place in Burkina Faso last December.

During the commission's short history, Afro-Arab relations passed through a rough terrain. A mini meeting grouping foreign ministers of Syria and Sudan of the Arab side and Congo and Zambia for the African side, along with Arab League and OAU chiefs was held in Damascus last year to resolve differences between the two sides.

The commission has contributed greatly to enhancing ties between Arab and African countries, as Afro-Arab co-operation dates back to the dawn of the 1950s, when Arab countries stood strong behind the struggling African movements against colonialism until some of them won their independence.

History has played a valuable part in bringing Arab and African countries closer, as both fell prey to colonialism in the past centuries and had their resources exhausted.

On the political level, African and Arab states have yet to rid themselves of two internationally-condemned regimes, the apartheid rule in South Africa and Namibia and the Israeli occupation of Palestine.

Economically, most Arab and African states are still feeling the pinch of heavy debts and monopoly

of advanced nations, the report noted.

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WITHOUT my written consent, my employer, a private school, has been deducting KD7 a month from my salary. My contract does not specify that I am liable for such charges although I do not mind paying my own expenses. In fact, I came to Kuwait on the written offer of free accommodation. I share a flat with another teacher, neither of us have families here and yet we are charged KD 14 a month for our water and electricity. The school management's attitude has been: "If you do not like it leave." Is there anything I can do to redress this unfair treatment?

Bruce Beard

FREE accommodation doesn't mean that the cost of electricity and water has been included in the offer. So, you must bear the cost, unless the school agrees to take over payment. The school is not breaking the law by charging for it. However, if the cost of water and electricity was included in your contract, it would have been a different matter.

WOULD you be so kind as to clarify a point regarding the Kuwait Labour Law, Article 28, Chapter 7, regarding the payment of terminal gratuity. The section of the English translation reads, "Wages shall mean the basic salary earned by the labourer to which shall be added all that he normally received by way of allowances and gratifications or commission or periodical payments or donations." In the calculation of terminal gratuity, is my employer obliged, under law, to include a proportion of the rent paid on my accommodation and air fares? My employer claims that as a private English language school, he is not obliged under law, what can I do to receive my full entitlement since it is impossible to prove that full gratuity has not been paid until the final day of my contract, by which time my residency has been cancelled? To my knowledge no teacher has ever received his full entitlement as stated in Article 28.

I was told by a lawyer that the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour cannot force an employer to adhere to the law without a formal case being opened with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour a toothless tiger? While I wish to receive my full payment, to remain in Kuwait two years while my case is heard is not possible. And yet why should it be necessary if the law regarding terminal gratuity is clear?

Bruce Beard

ANY term or condition of a contract that goes against the law is declared null and void. When calculating gratuity, an employer can take into consideration a percentage of the rent, annual air fare and any other benefits, including local transport costs, if paid.

Rent and air fare are calculated as part of an employee's total salary, while calculating gratuity.

It is true that the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour does not have the power to force an employer to do anything, in keeping with a labour law stipulations. But all cases must first go to the Ministry of Social Affairs, which will try to mediate on behalf of a labourer, and if such efforts fail, then the ministry advises an employee to go to court. If an employee goes directly to court, such a case can be rejected.

I CAME to Kuwait in July 1980 as a mechanic for a private company from Bangladesh. In May 1986, I joined another private company but my residence was not transferred until December 1986. Now, I have a good offer. Can I take up the offer as I have completed three years of employment but have not completed three years of residence. Please advise.

A.H.

YOU must wait for completion of three years of residence before changing your job, and seeking a transfer of residence. Although documents can prove that you have worked for three years, such papers also indicate that you did not complete three years of residence. It is possible to prove that you've been working continuously with your employer, but if you do this, you'll also prove that you've been violating the residence law: that is working for an employer other than your sponsor. It is advisable to wait for completion of three years and then seek a transfer of residence.

PLEASE answer my queries:

1. I've completed 12 years service on a daily wage basis; every two years I took one month's leave. My present basic wage is KD 9. I hold visa No. 18. What is my settlement if I resign?
2. A friend of mine has also been working in a company for 13 years on a monthly wage basis. If he leaves of his own free will, what is his settlement?
3. If a person earning daily wages goes on a month's leave and returns after four months, and the company employs him on a new date, is he entitled for his past two or three years service?

V. Fernandes

1. YOUR settlement would be for 12 years at the end of the contract. As you are on a daily wage, you're entitled to 10 days salary for the first five years and 15 days salary for the following years; and the total settlement shall not be more than maximum of one year's wages. If you resign, you're entitled to get half the amount.
2. AS your friend is hired on a monthly wage basis, he is entitled to 15 days salary for the first five years, and a month's wages for the following years. And if he resigns, he is entitled to half the sum.

3. WHETHER an employee is entitled to any benefits after returning from delayed leave, and reappointed, depends on the action taken by a company. If the company issued a termination letter saying you were fired according to Article 55, section 3, and rehired, you've joined on a new contract. If they didn't issue a termination letter, it means the company has not utilised their "right to fire the employee for violating the law." (an employer can sack an employee for not returning on the due date), if this is the case, it could imply that the previous contract continues on mutual understanding.

I CAME to Kuwait in January 1985 and have been working for a private company since April 1985 under their sponsorship. In February 1989, I joined a semi-government organisation with an assurance of transfer of residence. In the meanwhile, the laws were being changed and I was asked to wait for a month and then proceed with the necessary transfer. Eventually, my papers were submitted. I was told that my residence cannot be transferred from private sector to a government sector. Is it true? And if so, what other alternatives do I have to maintain my new job under their sponsorship?

Jahb

ACTUALLY, there is nothing against the transfer of residence from private sector to the government sector. There must be some reason for rejecting your application. To keep you job, you must cancel your present residence and ask your new employer to give you a visa to re-enter Kuwait.

I'VE written to you before regarding the workers of a private contracting company engaged in landscape maintenance. Your reply was published on May 15, saying the terms and conditions are as specified in the private sector labour law.

Well and good, but we don't have copy of the private sector labour law. Please tell us about the legal working hours a day; are they entitled to overtime pay? They are required to work 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Do they have to pay the cost of processing their residence, medical examination and Civil ID cards?

The contract in Arabic states something to the effect that salary deductions shall be made to defray the cost of the return air fare etc. My friends signed the contract under duress and their employer is now deducting the cost of visas, IDs and others.

Please advise my friends.

A. Belmonte

ACCORDING to Article 33, an employer is forbidden to make an employee work more than eight hours. Article 34 stipulates that an employer can give a written order to make an employee work a maximum of two hours extra and he must pay overtime. Also, an employee has the right to take a day off every week and if he worked on his day off, he must get two days wages.

You had sent only a couple of pages of the Arabic contract, and I'll say again that it favours the employee, applying labour law rules. As long as your friends signed the contract, they must abide by it.

An employer is not obliged to bear the cost of processing visas and IDs; these are personal documents and an employee has to pay for them, unless otherwise agreed.

The contract was made between the two parties and the agreement they made is binding on both parties; they must claim anything that is against the contract.

MY wife has been living in Kuwait for 20 years. She worked as a teacher in a private school for 10 years and her services were recently terminated. I request you to spare some time to answer my queries:

1. End of service benefits she is entitled to?
2. What can she do if the employer does not pay the settlement before the expiry of her work permit?
3. How can I keep her residence valid?
4. Her employer had been paying less salary and making her sign against blank columns of the register; he did pay for some medical leave and granted only 14 days maternity leave. Can she recover these differences?
5. He gave 15 days notice before the expiry of her contract. Is this legal? If not, what does the law say?

C.M. Ahmed

1. AS she was terminated, she is entitled to 15 days wages for the first five years and one month's pay for the following years.

2. If the employer does not pay the settlement before the expiry of her work permit, you can file a case through the Ministry of Social Affairs and if he still doesn't pay, the case will go to the court and she can get her rightful dues.

3. If her residence is expiring while the court hears the case, she can get a certificate from the court and the Ministry of Social Affairs can give an extension.

4. First of all, she is entitled to ask for the difference between what was actually paid and what should have been paid, provided you can give documentary or eyewitness evidence. If the register is produced in court as evidence that she has been paid, she must say that she signed on blank columns.

5. She is also entitled to get maternity leave. As she has been paid for 14 days she can claim the difference. Maternity leave is granted for 70 days, and she can get the difference for 56 days. She is also entitled to 21 days annual leave for the first five years and 14 days for the following years. If the contract mentions she gets more leave than that, she must get the benefits according to the contract.

6. The duration of the notice is legal. An employer has to give 15 days notice, according to article 53, part 1, of the Kuwaiti Labour Law.

I'VE been working as an engineer in Kuwait for more than seven years. Presently, I'm employed in a private contracting company, working with them for about one year. The company deals mainly with government contracts. I've not been paid for the last seven months. Now, another company has offered to employ me. My company representative told me that it would be possible to transfer my residence to a company dealing in government projects. Is this true? In case I want out of Kuwait and re-entered on new visa, will I lose my seniority of residence; that is continuity of residence?

S. Mohamed

IT IS possible to transfer your residence to a company dealing with a project of a similar nature in the government sector. Article 16, new social affairs and labour rules, mentions it. You can re-enter on a new visa. If you're given a new date of entry and residence number of re-entry, continuous stay will be interrupted.

I HAD a two year contract which ended last December. My previous employer extended my visa for another two years without signing any contract, and told me to find another job. Now, I am worried because if I tell my previous employer to cancel my visa, I won't be allowed to re-enter Kuwait.

Name withheld

(YOU had asked us to send a reply by post. We regret to inform you that this cannot be done as we would like this column to be helpful to all readers; however, according to your request, we've withheld your name and details of your case. Editor)

There is no reason to worry; if you employer is willing to make a new visa (NOC), you can come back to Kuwait. It doesn't matter if your visa has been cancelled.

I CAME to Kuwait in 1977. In 1980, I took a new job and visa. Before the cancellation of the previous residence, I went to India and returned within two months. I received the residence permit with the old residence number. Is my stay considered from 1977 or 1980?

Is there any date stamped on the last residence permit to know the status of our continuous stay in Kuwait?

Asbok

AS the old residence number has been given to you on the residence obtained in 1980, you'll be considered staying from 1977; in other words, it is a continuous residence. If a new number is given on re-entry, for example in 1980, it breaks continuous stay.

There is a stamp for the passport that gives the date of first entry.

For further clarification, AT has forwarded your query to the Immigration Department and will inform you as soon as a reply is received from them.

I'M an Indian. I've been in a company for 11 years. Recently, after returning from leave, the company owner reduced my salary, without informing or notifying. He is just saying if I don't like it, to resign, and he will give the ticket. Sir, what are my rights?

Sebastian

THE first party can't change the terms of a contract without the agreement of the second party. A contract can be changed only if both parties agree to change the conditions of the contract. What the employer did is unacceptable, and you can file a case against him, even if you've left the job, because the employer broke the contract and due to this, you can claim the difference in salary. Your leaving the job will not be treated as a resignation, but as termination from service. If you file a case, try to get a new visa and transfer of residence, so as to maintain employment.

Under the current Residence Laws an employer is obliged to provide each expatriate employee with a legal residence permit. The same residence laws prohibit trading (i.e. the purchase by an expatriate) of residence permits.

I'VE been living in Kuwait for the past 21 years as a student with a visa No. 22. Last year after completing high school, I took up employment and transferred my residence on the company's sponsorship. I now hold visa No. 18. I have worked for a total of seven months. Is it permissible for me to transfer my residence if I take up employment in a new company? Please advise with reference to the new labour law enforced on March 22, 1989.

Shabbir Mansoor

AS long as you've stayed in Kuwait for more than 10 years continuously, you can change a job (and residence). But such a transfer must be made with the knowledge of the present employer and must be accepted by the Ministry of Social Affairs.

I'M an Indian working in Kuwait for a ministry in the administrative field for the last 12 years. I have not committed any offence. In case my services are terminated, what are the benefits I'm entitled to.

G. Menon

MR. Menon, you've not mentioned the type of contract you signed with the ministry? There are various kinds of contracts and gratuity depends on the terms specified in it. Please give more details about your contract, or send a copy of the contract, to get a detailed reply.

IF AN expatriate wants to start a retail business with his money in Kuwait, is it possible to have a rent receipt of the shop in the expatriate's name and operate the business under a Kuwaiti sponsor with his licence? Or is it a must to have both rent receipt of the shop and the licence in the Kuwaiti sponsor's name?

SM

A NON-KUWAITI is not allowed to do trading. If he pays a licence fee and runs a business as his own trade, it's against the law and completely forbidden. If you make such a deal, it's not a real partnership.

The licence is in the Kuwaiti sponsor's name and an expatriate can be considered as "using it without permission." It is better to establish a partnership through the formation of a real company. Otherwise, legally, the shop and other assets belong to the owner, as stated in the licence. I would suggest you form a company, as a partnership with 49 per cent for non-Kuwaiti and Kuwaiti 51 per cent. This is the best legal way.

A PERSON is hired on KD400 salary with a verbal promise, without witnesses, that it will be increased after three months' probation but it has never been increased. But the Social Affairs contract indicates a salary of KD500 from the start of employment.

- 1) Is it illegal for an employer to enter in a social affairs contract a salary higher than the actual salary paid?
- 2) Could the employee claim the difference from the employer?

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IT was just a verbal promise. If a promise to increase the salary was not in writing it is paid according to what was agreed by the two parties. The actual payment agreed by both parties is the salary, and not what is mentioned in the social affairs contract.

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KEO

239 cases for treatment

Heart disease up in Bahrain

MANAMA, June 18, (GNA): Heart disease cases have increased in Bahrain according to statistics issued recently by Bahrain's Ministry of Public Health. Statistics conveyed by the Bahrain based Akhbar Al Khabar newspaper (Gulf News) said 239 cases of heart disease were sent abroad for treatment in 1988 compared to 100 cases and 170 cases in 1983 and 1984 respectively.

The daily added that these figures had resulted in the ministry's officials to seriously consider establishing an integrated unit for cardiac surgery.

The cost of each cardiac operation is estimated at BD5000 and

the charge of each bed at the hospital is BD100, the daily said.

On the other hand, the daily quoted a consultant at Manama based Al Salmayah Medical Centre Dr Abdulhuy Al Awadi as saying that a new medicine for treating heart patients had been distributed in the market recently.

In a lecture discoursed within the educational programme for the Bahraini physicians Awadi said that the new medicine is an injection to be given to the patient in the first hours after suffering a heart attack. He added that the new medicine is called ABT and is available in Bahrain despite exorbitant costs.

FOR RENT

Premier chairs weekly cabinet meeting

World oil markets discussed

KUWAIT, June 18, (KUNA): The Kuwaiti Cabinet today reviewed local, Arab and international developments at a meeting chaired by HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

State Minister for Cabinet Affairs, Rashid Abdulaziz Al Rashid told reporters that at the onset the cabinet took note of two letters received by the HH the Amir from the President of Djibouti, Hassan Gouled and King of Nepal, Birendra Shah Deva dealing with bilateral links and ways of fostering them.

The council of ministers also took note of a message to HH the

Amir from Lebanon's acting Premier Dr Salim Al Hoss on damage inflicted to some institutions in Lebanon and ways of helping them to carry out their humanitarian role.

The cabinet also reviewed the outcome of talks during the Kuwaiti visit of Djibouti President Hassan Gouled which centred on bilateral, Arab, African and international questions.

Thanks

The council in reviewing minutes of the previous session, thanked the former Rector of Kuwait University Dr Abdulmohsen Youssef Al Abdurrazzaq

for his unstinting efforts in administering the university and wished him success in his future career.

The cabinet also wished his successor, Dr Shuaib Abdullah Shuaib success in continuing the distinguished role of Abdurrazzaq.

Commerce and Industry Ministry, Faisal Abdurrazzaq Al Khaled reported to the council on the outcome of his recent talks with senior officials in Poland aimed at enhancing commercial and economic ties between the two countries.

He also briefed the cabinet on the results of the 13th session of

the Commercial Co-operation Committee of the Gulf Co-operation Council which was held in Riyadh recently.

Role

Finance Minister Jassem Mohammed Al Khorafi informed the cabinet on the results of the 10th annual meeting of OPEC Fund for International Development held in Vienna lately, focusing on the need to keep financial resources to enable the fund to carry out its role in developing nations.

Electricity and Water Minister Dr Homoud Al Rqobah reported to the cabinet on his visit to Egypt and talks with officials

there aimed at boosting bilateral co-operation in the fields of power and energy.

Planning Minister Dr Abdurrahman Al Awadi briefed the cabinet on meetings of the board of governors of UN Development Programme held in New York last week, which discussed development issues and ways of drafting an international development strategy for the next UN development decade.

The council also examined political affairs and reviewed a set of reports on the major developments at Arab and international levels.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Indian delegation

KUWAIT, June 18, (KUNA): President of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry Abdul Aziz Al Saqr today received in his office president of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry Raunag Singh and the accompanying delegation.

The meeting dealt with bilateral trade and economic ties and means to develop and strengthen them in the various spheres.

The two officials reviewed possibilities to elevate co-operation between Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Refineries

KUWAIT, June 18, (KUNA): Kuwait Petroleum Corporation's Deputy Managing Director for Industries, Khaled Saleh Bu Hamra said today that integration among (KPC's) three refineries aim at reaping maximum operational benefits.

Hamra told KUNA in an exclusive interview that the main feature of integration between the refineries of Shuaiba, Mina Abdullah and Mina Al Ahmadi, is upgrading productivity by using a common system and programme.

Shara arrives

KUWAIT, June 18, (KUNA): Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara arrived here today, heading his country's delegation to the meetings of the standing Afro-Arab Co-operation Committee which will be opened here tomorrow.

Shara was received by Kuwait Deputy Premier Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Saud Osaimi, Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Sulaiman Al Shabin and other senior officials and diplomats.

Communications

KUWAIT, June 18, (KUNA): Communications Undersecretary Abdul Aziz Al Ayoub today received Secretary General of the Arab Telecommunications Union Abdul Jaber Hassan Khalaf.

Following the meeting, Khalaf told KUNA that they reviewed the seminar on planning of unified Arab networks scheduled to be held here late this year.

Kuwaitisation

THE recent terminations of some non-Kuwaiti teachers at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training is a result of the administrative development process towards Kuwaitisation of manpower, according to Humoud Al Mudhaf, deputy director general of the authority.

Finnish envoy

KUWAIT, June 18, (KUNA): Board Chairman of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Dujai Al Ibrahim Al Sabah today received Finland's ambassador to Kuwait Esko S. Kunnamo, at the end of his diplomatic tenure here.

The Finnish ambassador renewed an invitation to Sheikh Ibrahim to visit Finland to familiarise himself with the agricultural progress achieved by that country.

WEATHER

TEMPERATURE remains around normal with moderate north-westerly wind may freshen at times causing dust.
State of sea: moderate
High water: 11:00 am, 12:30 pm
Low water: 5:00 am, 7:00 pm
Sunrise: 4:49 am
Sunset: 6:50 pm
Maximum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 42°C 108°F
Ahmad: 40°C 104°F
Fahala: 39°C 102°F
Minimum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 25°C 77°F
Ahmad: 27°C 81°F
Fahala: 28°C 82°F
Maximum temperatures expected:
Kuwait: 43°C 109°F
Ahmad: 41°C 106°F
Fahala: 40°C 104°F
Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 16 per cent



Mattresses for pilgrims being checked before departure.

First haj convoy leaves Kuwait

By Lima Al Khalafawi
Arab Times Staff

THE first haj convoy left Kuwait yesterday on its way to Saudi Arabia, according to Laffi Aed Al Hareer, a haj convoy owner.

Hareer said Muslims from all over the world gather in Makkah to perform the haj which starts from first of Thow Al Hija for ten days. He added that Muslims of different ages are keen to perform the haj at least once in their lifetime.

In Kuwait, the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs is offering help and extra efforts to facilitate haj for Muslims every year. Speaking about prices Hareer said haj pilgrimage now costs around KD350 per person.

The prices of haj pilgrimage have doubled several times since the fifties. He added during that time it cost only KD35 per person and people were travelling on camels for three months to reach the holy lands. But now the journey takes few hours by air and two days by road to reach Saudi Arabia.

He attributed the increase of haj prices to the increased costs of rents. Charges included accommodations, transportation and prices of consumer goods.

Hareer said nowadays the better developed facilities offered to pilgrims has made it easier for people to reach Saudi Arabia in good health. Such facilities include medical teams air-conditioned transportations and well furnished accommodation.

He added that pilgrims should submit their documents includ-

ing passport with valid residence for one year at least and a medical report in order to get a visa for haj.

Another haj convoy leader Faleh Al Fadli said that this year 52 convoys are licensed for haj.

Fadli said that his convoy includes 27 air-conditioned buses, medical team and refrigerated vans.

He told the Arab Times that he paid KD33,000 as 'rent' for several buildings to accommodate about 300 hajis who are going in his convoy. At the end of the journey he makes a minimum profit of about 5 per cent. Fadli added a team from the Kuwaiti Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic

Affairs inspects the buildings before they are rented.

Fadli said that the haj journey takes two weeks. He added Muslims start their haj performance on the first day of Thow Al Hija till the 10th of the same month. Muslims during haj ascend Mount Arafat on the night of Eid and next day they offer sacrifices. The next day Muslims descend to Makkah where they visit the Ka'aba.

Fadli praised efforts of Saudi Arabia in offering optimum facilities for Muslims to perform haj.

Fadli who performed haj 19 times aims to lead haj convoys for the rest of his life.

No political leaflets, Saudis warn pilgrims

RIYADH, June 18, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia's Interior Ministry today warned pilgrims they may not bring political books, tracts or pictures on the Muslim haj this year.

A decree published in the daily Al Riyadh newspaper said that all political or ideologically orientated books or leaflets were forbidden and those who attempted to bring them into the kingdom would be severely punished and deported.

Last month, Saudi Arabia's Minister of Haj and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wassei accused Iran of using the annual haj as a political tool.

Iran boycotted last year's pilgrimage when Saudi Arabia limited the number of pilgrims from Muslim countries on the grounds that facilities were inadequate.

Iran's quota was set at 45,000. Previously up to 150,000 Iranian pilgrims had entered Saudi Arabia for the haj.

Tehran has not made it clear whether Iranian pilgrims will attend this year though it opposes the quota and the ban on political activity.

No crisis at Credits and Savings Bank: Houti

THE Board Chairman and General Director of the Credits and Savings Bank, Youssef Al Houti has denied any intention of postponing the collection of installments from debtors or any increases in real estate loans.

Interviewed by a local daily, he said that the bank was not entangled in the Manakhi ordeal in any form. He stressed that the bank is doing well and does not suffer from any crisis.

Houti explained that the bank has no intentions of granting new house owners any loans to renovate, restore or expand their houses and that there are no loans for furnishing. He pointed out that 99 per cent of bank work is actually in the field of real estate loans.

He stressed that the bank's duty is to assist citizens so they can build houses for them and their families only once for each citizen. He also added that the bank grants marriage loans only once for each citizen.

Houti pointed out that the priority system followed at the Public Housing Authority is not the best there is. He explained that the new conditions for Kuwaiti females who are married to non-Kuwaitis stresses on the fact that the husband should be of Arab nationality and that the couple should have children.

Houti revealed that the bank has failed in obtaining plots to sell them at suitable prices to citizens, pointing out that the bank, the Investment Authority and the Central Bank are now conducting studies on new investment fields. He stressed that contacts (wasta) has no existence in bank work and that the role played by the Credits and Savings Bank is a continuation of the role played by the Public Housing Authority.

Houti said that other government authorities which are higher in rank than the bank are now concerned with the divorce matter. He pointed out that the Ministers Council has eliminated a part of debts for almost 83 cases because of the death of debtors.

He pointed out that the bank currently has a KD100,000,000 capital and that the last increase obtained by the bank was in 1981.

Medical mistake

INVESTIGATIONS into the death of a diabetic lady three weeks ago during a Caesarean section at the Maternity Hospital attributed the cause to a medical error.

The lady died as a result of a clot formation in the pulmonary artery caused by the failure of doctors to administer an injection of Heparin — a routine procedure intended to raise the blood level percentage, according to an official source at the Ministry of Public Health.

The official added that the lady died after giving birth and that the head doctor attributed the oversight to the anaesthetist.



Governor of the Eastern Province in Saudi Arabia Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd with Editor-in-Chief of Arab Times Ahmed Jarallah.

Majlis represents Arab democracy

Prince Mohammad on post-war Gulf economy

By Ahmed Al Jarallah

THE open councils (Majlis) reflect the true form of democracy and Arab traditions, the Governor of the Eastern Province in Saudi Arabia, Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd said in an exclusive interview with the Editor-in-Chief of the Arab Times and added that after the end of the Iraq-Iran war, capital has begun flowing back to the region.

Speaking of the Majlis, the Prince said that they represent the true parliament as the Arab environment is committed to its natural tribal traditions. "These councils are the thermometer through which we sense the problems of the public," the Prince added.

Although, these councils reflect individual problems, collectively they constitute a public cause. Solving these problems by the councils is beneficial to the general public. Problems that may need time to solve, are mainly caused by the restrictions of laws and have to be respected, the Prince stressed.

Elucidating, he said that he supports and encourages such councils and their candid meetings. "Through it I listen to the problems of the public, come closer to their implications, then think of them as a public cause and later solve them," the Prince said. He added that some of the complaints may sometimes contradict rules and regulations, but still we deal with such problems from a humanitarian point of view. He said that when he encounters such problems, he uses the spirit of the law in solving them.

Tradition

The open councils (Majlis) are comprised of individuals from all social strata. The Prince said: "I am aware that some problems addressed to me could have been solved at a lower level, but this is the nature of the Saudi people who like their problems to be solved at the helm of the administration." These open councils are a tradition in all Saudi provinces and through these open Majlis, he could sense the main problems facing the Eastern Province, the Prince said.

The Prince who became the governor of the Eastern Province over four years ago, said that during this period of listening to the council's administrative problems have sharply dropped. He added that routine procedures and red tape in the administration have been drastically reduced — thanks to the open Majlis. To further simplify procedures in the province, computers will be introduced to streamline and expedite complex

tion of formalities in the entire province, he said.

Security in the Eastern Province is very much stable — particularly recently, the Prince said. He added: "As long as the administration listens carefully, I do not believe there will be any reason for a security problem." He said that he meets all sections of society and speaks with them candidly and added that he was following this practice when the region was influenced by the Iran-Iraq war. Security and stability is prevailing all over the kingdom with all sections of society benefiting, the Prince said.

Investments

Speaking on the post-war Iraq-Iraq scenario, Prince Mohammad said that a stage of economic relaxation and return of activity has set in the Gulf region. Capital has started flowing back to the region. Additionally, investors have begun reviewing their previous plans and begun investing in local projects, which are more profitable and more secure than external investments. He expressed the hope that this stage will witness enhanced activity.

He described as "inaccurate" the claims that Saudi Arabia delays payments of contractors — except where contractors do not fulfill contractual obligations. Even in these cases, the government takes cognisance of the welfare of the labourers. The Prince said: "These labourers are simply manpower with limited income and thus need their money and the government takes great care in paying them as quickly as possible."

Most contractors made their economic forecasts based on the economic boom days. These contractors were later faced by the economic recession that hit not only the Gulf region, but the entire world. Such contractors did not take into account the economic recession and the drop in oil revenues and consequently did not reprogramme their plans. During the boom days, contractors did not complain of delayed payments as they had several projects. Now their complaints are due to the number of projects being reduced.

Asked about how the government dealt with problems resulting from the contraction of the size of projects and contracts from the days of the boom, Prince Mohammad stressed that the administration dealt with such problems in a very humane way. He said that some companies faced financial problems after things returned to normalcy. He said that if the law is to be applied literally, bankrupts will certainly have their ways clear to the prison. But, what are we going to

benefit if we send them to jail? he asked. He said that he himself solved problems like this. He brought the two sides, the debtors and creditors and asked the creditors to provide more time to the debtors. The debtors utilised the time given to them and succeeded in paying the debt. Prince Mohammad said that the recession and the drop in incomes did lead to some social effects, but we dealt with that very carefully and in a human way.

Tourism

After the Iraq-Iran war, the Saudi government utilised the resulting stability to actively plan the construction of tourism sites primarily along the waterfront of the country. Additionally, the Saudi private sector is now moving towards participating in tourism investments in the province and they have realised the importance of internal investments — particularly in tourism in addition to the increasing demands for internal tourism.

The Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia enjoys a very strategic position as an oil area and important industrial region and many Saudis prefer to spend their vacations and holidays at this coastal area, the Prince added.

Comprehensive instructions have been issued to local authorities to pay greater attention to the beautification of cities — even to the detail of colouring which stipulates that all buildings should be white in colour. This is aimed at creating wonderful coastal cities in the region, particularly in the capital.

Elucidating, the official said that the province has plans to plant 10 million trees in the coming five years — 5 million have already been planted. Additionally, many recreational projects have recently been carried out, including the huge King Fahd Park spread over an area of 1.3 million square metres. These projects have been mainly encouraged by the continuous attention paid by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz.

Asked about facilitating procedures for users of the Saudi-Bahrain King Fahd Causeway, Prince Mohammad said that there are regular meetings between the Bahraini and Saudi officials every three months. These meetings discuss the affairs of the causeway. He said that drivers take only 20 minutes to cross the causeway and for that, procedures at the borders should not consume more than this. He said that the number of those using the causeway has exceeded all expectations. What we should do now is to facilitate movement at the causeway and make it easier, the Prince said.

Applied education authority receives 2200 students each term

THE director of the Department of Society Service and Continuous Education at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training Ghuloum Al Attar has said that the number of students who join programmes and training courses offered by the department reaches 2200 each term. He added that the department began offering non-traditional courses covering different facets of life in Kuwait in 1984/1985. He also said that all categories of people join and enjoy these programmes and courses.

Attar said that these courses develop the skills of students and meet the needs of the local market. He added that the department distributed about 6,000 copies of a questionnaire to find out what courses were popular. 4852 questionnaires were answered.

The authority does its best to meet the demands of the people who filled in these questionnaires. He added that the authority will offer special practical programmes for Kuwaiti school drop outs.

Attar pointed out that the department has 11 centres in different faculties of the authority beside centres in the Ministry of Social Affairs, Zakat House and the Central Jail. A centre at Jahra Educational Area has also been established. These centres offer different programmes and training courses, he said. The authority co-ordinates with the Society Service Centre of Kuwait University in order not to offer similar programmes.

Attar said that the authority will offer new programmes for the first time such as a keep fit courses for women to restore their elegance and fitness after giving birth.

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B.F. FURTADO

Born: August 16, 1919

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There will be a requiem mass for the soul of Albert B.F. Furtado offered by his wife Clara and children at the Holy Family Cathedral Kuwait, on June 21, 1989 at 6.30 pm.

(Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation)

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

THE farther backward you look, the farther forward you are likely to see — Sir Winston Churchill, British Statesman (1874-1965).

Comrades re-open historic old wounds

By Allison Smale

ALMOST every day, Hungary's state-run media carry a fresh report about privatisation in Romania or a purported shooting on the heavily guarded border between the two nations.

Hungary and Romania are allies in the Warsaw Pact military alliance, but not even a summit of their communist leaders last August could ease the tensions between them.

The case illustrates the depth of many historically rooted quarrels now reappearing in the once-monolithic Soviet bloc that includes East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria.

For centuries, Eastern Europe has been a volatile region of shifting political allegiances and changing borders. A violent history has made nationalism a powerful force and left many ethnic groups in the area with a long list of grudges against neighbours.

World War I broke up the once vast Austro-Hungarian empire and World War II left the Kremlin dominant in Eastern Europe. Authoritarian communist governments took power after the Red Army swept in and ended Nazi Germany's reign.

The Soviet Union, following a model laid down by Josef Stalin, used to exert pressure on East European communist parties to maintain outwardly friendly relations. Soviet troops stationed in East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary have been a controlling factor.

Until recently, traditional conflicts among ethnic groups with different languages and cultures lay mostly dormant under slogans trumpeting the international solidarity of socialism.

Now, the Soviets are preoccupied with their own economic and social woes, and the ethnic tensions are bubbling across the borders. The East European allies, grappling with Kremlin-led calls for democratic reforms, are reopening old, festering wounds.

More such conflicts could occur if Kremlin controls are further reduced in the region and if governments permit their populations a greater voice in political decisions and social reforms. Ethnic groups and other special interests might become bolder about pressing for their rights — both at home and in neighbouring countries.

Predict

But it is impossible to predict whether such issues would ever have a controlling effect on relations among the East European nations, which in many cases have closely linked economies.

Current quarrels vary from ideological differences over the pace of governmental reforms in Poland and Hungary and other countries to territorial disputes, minority rights and even cross-border pollution.

East Germany and Poland have argued over their common border and fishing rights in the Baltic Sea; Romania has angered Bulgaria by sending chemical waste waiting across the Danube; the customs wars have flared in a region straddled for centuries.

Last November, Czechoslovakia annoyed the entire bloc by slapping restrictions at 48 hours' notice on the export of just about every consumer product that Soviet bloc visitors might envy in Prague's relatively well-stocked shops.

Poles were especially outraged by measures that included confiscation of purchases intended as Christmas gifts. Polish travellers felt that the Czechs were deliberately reviving a historical enmity between the two populations.

The customs crackdown was designed to protect living standards that have helped Prague's hardline leaders keep outward peace with a population disgruntled ever since the 1968 Warsaw Pact invasion crushed Alexander Dubcek's reformist government.

But the action immediately touched off retaliations throughout the East bloc, with each country, including the Soviet Union, slapping export bans on any consumer goods popular with tourists from elsewhere in the region. That conflict has since died down.

The most serious dispute involves Hungary and Romania. Simmering throughout the 1970s, it erupted into the open in late 1986 over the seemingly innocuous issue of a Hungarian history book on Transylvania, a mountainous region ruled by Hungary for centuries but ceded to Romania after World War I.

Under President Nicolae Ceausescu, Romania is trying to eradicate the separate identity of ethnic minorities, and it immediately accused Hungary of publishing the history with the aim of reviving claims to Transylvania.

At first, Hungary played calm on the diplomatic front, while media and intellectuals whipped up emotions at home.

That helped create a climate in which financially strapped Hungarians have given refuge to tens of thousands of Romanians since January 1988, when Budapest broke a bilateral treaty obliging it to send back defectors, some of whom have braved border gunfire to escape.

Besides playing to proudly nationalist Hungarians, Budapest's handling of the dispute served to underline Hungary's reformist politics and to ally it with the West at international forums on human and minority rights.

Other East bloc neighbours have since begun to take more heed of the sizeable Hungarian minorities left in their territories.

The Soviet Union recently improved educational opportunities for its small Hungarian minority and allowed more visits across the common frontier.

Czechoslovakia's 900,000 ethnic Hungarians have also received better treatment, but these improvements were overshadowed by Prague's quarrels with Budapest over a Hungarian television interview with Dubcek and Budapest's suspension of work on a joint dam and power project.

Police crackdowns on anti-government protests in Prague in January and the subsequent jailing of leading dissident author Vaclav Havel drew public protests from intellectuals in Hungary, the Soviet Union and Poland, where Premier Michalyslaw Rakowski pointedly attended two Havel plays banned in Prague.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1522 — Holy Roman emperor Charles V visits England and signs treaty of Windsor with king Henry VIII, calling for invasion of France.

1586 — Colonists sail from Roanoke Island, North Carolina, ending first settlement by English in America.

1756 — 146 British prisoners in India suffocate in dungeon which became known as "Black Hole of Calcutta."

1819 — S.S. Savannah arrives in Liverpool, England, after making first Atlantic crossing by a steamship.

1821 — Turkish forces defeat Greek rebels at Dragashan, Turkey.

1862 — US Congress prohibits slavery in US territories.

1867 — Emperor Maximilian is executed in Mexico.

1885 — Statue of Liberty arrives in New York City from France.

1921 — Major European powers agree to mediate in dispute between Turkey and Greece.

1944 — US troops take Saipan island in Pacific from Japanese during World War II.

1953 — Julius and Ethel Rosenberg are executed in United States after conviction as Soviet atomic spies.

1961 — Gulf country of Kuwait becomes independent of Britain.

1970 — Soviet spacecraft Soyuz 9 lands in Kazakhstan, establishing record for longest manned space flight at 17 days, 16 hours, 59 minutes.

1975 — US Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim opens first major world conference on status of women, in Mexico City.

1987 — Explosion in Barcelona department store garage kills 12 people and injures 31, and Basque separatists claim responsibility.

1988 — Bomb planted by Sikh extremists explodes in middle of crowd outside television shop in Kurukshetra, India, killing 15 people and injuring 25 others.

INSIDE WASHINGTON

By Henry Brandon

US staggered by communist world upheavals

THE Bush administration and Americans generally are staggered by the force of the upheaval in the communist world. They are wondering how best to deal with the opportunities that are opening up without running the risk of becoming the lightning rod for the frustrations the communist leaders who are seeing their powers declining.

Nobody here foresaw these sweeping changes that are shaking the communist world. In the Soviet Union and Poland they seem under better control because of the initiatives came from the top. In China they went out of control because they originated from below and groups outside the government.

The Sovietologists here are virtually unanimous in believing that Mikhail Gorbachev is in firmer control today than has been up to now primarily because he created semi-democratic institutions which permit the opposition to let off steam in an orderly manner. The Sinologists are virtually unanimous in saying that the new Chinese ruling group is weak, that it has to rely on force to keep order and that it may not last for more than one to three years. Such highly respected Sinologists as Doak Barnett readily admit that even 24 hours before the upheaval began he would not have predicted what has happened since.

The problems the Bush administration is now facing, according to one of its policy-makers, is how to encourage the forces leading the internal reforms and how to discourage the retrogressive forces. President Bush is a cautious man, not one to seek adventures. There are members of Congress who want him to openly exploit the events in Eastern Europe, especially in Poland and Hungary. But they have their own momentum. Bush is inclined to believe, and they will, sooner rather than later have their

repercussions in Czechoslovakia and East Germany. To encourage the forces of reform the United States, Western Europe and Japan ought to provide the reformers with economic aid and invitations to join various international bodies, such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, GATT and others. President Bush who will be visiting Poland and Hungary in July is likely to unveil several proposals to prove that reforms are the gateway to political and economic advantages.

It used to be the accepted truth that communism, once it imposed itself on a country's political system, would never be changed. Eastern Europe therefore was considered lost to democracy and condemned to live under communism. It is for this reason that the turn of events in Poland came as such a total surprise. Nobody here expected the Polish government to accept the verdict of the elections — not even the Solidarity movement. The turn of events in Poland must be a shock to the Honneger regime in East Germany which finds itself now between two countries, one that never accepted communism, the other which is about to shake it off.

What President Bush meant when he said so eloquently that he aims at ending the division in Europe, he will have to define in the coming months. It is bound to affect not only political and economic relations but also the current military situation. It raises many questions about the future of NATO and the Warsaw Pact, about the presence of American troops on the European continent, about whether the basis for the current arms control negotiations is not already outdated and a new balance of forces will develop in Europe.

The reason that the revolutionary changes seem to be leading to greater

political stability in the Soviet Union and to instability in China, as one American policymaker put it to me, is that in the Soviet Union the changes were decreed by the leadership, while in China steam from the bottom blew off the political lid. Gorbachev and his government appear to be in control of events, even though many members of the 2,500 member Assembly expressed the kind of criticism that had never been heard before in the Soviet Union. The Chinese government, on the other hand, could not tolerate the widespread criticism and had to use military force to suppress the reformist elements. Not even during the Cultural Revolution did soldiers fire on unarmed civilians. The assumption here is that it will take several years before the reformers will get a chance to assume power.

In assessing the repercussions among China's neighbours the experts here do not expect major repercussions to occur either in Japan or South Korea. North Korea, most likely will welcome the conservative trend in China because the pressures for reform are bound to decline. In Hong Kong, however, the clamour for reforms is bound to intensify. For unless these reforms are carried out soon, it will become increasingly more difficult to achieve them. Two groups, the manufacturers and the middle-class entrepreneurs, are particularly anxious about what the future may hold for them. Above all, they fear that their enterprises may face the risk of confiscation. At least in comparison, the financial sector of the Hong Kong economy seems considerably less vulnerable.

On Taiwan the reaction to events in China is bound to be more favourable. Taiwanese investors on the mainland will feel reassured and more at ease with the changing political climate. They will also feel more confident about the continued

independent status of their island. Transfers of American weaponry to China however are likely to be suspended and military co-operation reduced. In the field of sports the Pan-Asian games, scheduled for 1990 in China, are almost certain to be shifted to another country, possibly Japan.

Events in Iran appear to be murky, but it is assumed here, that gradually the death of Khomeini will enable the more moderate forces to take control. Meanwhile the extremists and more moderate forces are expected to engage in a bitter struggle for power. This struggle is likely to be fought out not only in Tehran, but in most of the bigger cities of Iran. Most important, though, at least in the eyes of the Bush administration, is that the death of Khomeini has deprived Iran of a leader who had a God-like influence and inspired a following that extended far beyond the frontiers of Iran.

The new Iranian leadership is seeking to improve relations with the Soviet Union, partly because the Soviets are neighbours and partly because it knows that the Bush administration will reject attempts at a resumption of bilateral relations until the hostages held in Lebanon by fundamentalist factions under the control of Tehran, are released. It is unlikely that this will happen overnight because the moderate forces will not want to give the fanatics political ammunition they could use against them. Still, there is now hope here that the hostages' suffering may come to an end once the moderate forces gain control in Iran and feel strong enough to ask for their release.

The prospects for a more constructive dialogue between the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Israel are also improving, though nothing firm has as yet been agreed on. The Bush administration

is trying hard to persuade Yasser Arafat, the PLO leader, to accept the Israeli offer for local elections in the West Bank and Gaza. Some of Arafat's advisers favour such a limited step as a prelude to greater independence, even though the Israeli government is saying that it will resist any further concessions for self-rule. Israeli public opinion is not as much opposed to giving the two territories greater independence as in the political power structure. According to a recent poll 15 per cent are opposed to negotiations with the PLO and 15 per cent are in favour of it, with 70 per cent undecided.

Prime Minister Shamir is publicly opposed to negotiations with the PLO, but American officials interpret his position as being more murky, more of an enigma. It is a subject he does not like to discuss in earnest and consequently nobody is quite sure what he really thinks. American officials though believe that if he, Rabin and Peres made common cause, these three men could deliver a peace settlement. Shamir inevitably looks over his shoulder to Sharon who sees himself as the king-maker and a long distance runner, but his influence has been declining. American officials also hope that the PLO will come around to recognising that a gradual approach to independence is better than getting nowhere, but there are, of course quite a few in the PLO camp who prefer "nowhere".

The drastic changes occurring around the world have given Americans a feeling that the United States is the stablest power in the world and that the opportunities for democracy spreading, quite unexpectedly are vastly improving. The internal problems the Bush administration is faced with are nothing compared to those staring the Soviet and Chinese leadership in the face.

Gorbachev vs Bush: charisma gap grows

By Bernd Debusmann

IN THE superpower race for image, Mikhail Gorbachev has widened his lead over George Bush with a visit to West Germany which pointed to a 'charisma gap' between the two.

According to opinion polls, Bush lags behind his Soviet counterpart in much of Western Europe — and even in the United States. In other parts of the world, Gorbachev has managed to polish the Soviet Union's image at the expense of the United States.

"In just a few years, Gorbachev turned long-held perceptions of the superpowers upside down," said a European diplomat. "Not so long ago, Moscow was seen as inflexible, the people who said 'nyet' to change suggested from Washington. Now it is the other way round."

Enjoyed

Gorbachev in West Germany enjoyed the kind of adoring, tumultuous reception usually given to pop stars or football players. Opinion polls gave him the highest popularity rating ever won by a foreign politician. The press compared him with John F. Kennedy.

There were no such comparisons when President Bush visited West Germany two weeks before the Kremlin chief. "What we are seeing is a charisma gap," a European diplomat here said. "Gorbachev has it (charisma) and Bush has not."

Even on Bush's home turf, he comes second to the Soviet leader in a public opinion polls conducted by the New York-based Louis Harris company in February and March. Bush won a 57-per cent approval rate compared with 64 per cent for Gorbachev.

A Gallup poll last year for "the most admired man" placed Gorbachev second after then President Ronald Reagan but ahead of Bush. The year before, Gorbachev became the first Soviet figure ever to make the Gallup list, tied for eighth place with Chrysler chairman Lee Iacocca.

Some analysts ascribe Gorbachev's rise to political stardom in the United States to the low expectations Americans used to have of Soviet leaders.

"Since the popularity of Soviets was so low, anyone who can walk, talk eloquently, wear a well-cut suit and have an attractive wife with an American express card is bound to win the attention of Americans," Soviet specialist Dimitri Simes said.

A senior analyst with the Carnegie endowment, an independent think tank, Simes said a large part of Gorbachev's popularity in Europe stemmed from his arms control initiatives which had inspired a sense of hope for the future.

Gorbachev's success as a player on the world scene, diplomats say, is explained in part by a new Soviet willingness to beat the Americans at public relations techniques the Americans once regarded as their exclusive preserve.

US television coverage stressed the public relations aspect of the Gorbachev visit to Germany, a theme that was not played prominently for the Bush visit though on both occasions presidential staff created schedules and photo opportunities for the same ends.

Elsewhere in Europe, Gorbachev's moves on ending the arms race have also placed him far ahead of Bush.

In France, a poll by the country's biggest television network placed him on top of the 1988 'Man of the Year' list, ahead of national soccer coach Michel Platini and French President Francois Mitterrand.

Last month, the French weekly magazine Le Point polled French, Germans, Britons and Italians to find out how they compared the willingness of Gorbachev and Bush to reduce arms. Overall, 64 per cent credited Gorbachev with a desire to end the arms race, compared with 39.5 per cent for Bush.

Individually, Britons gave Gorbachev 74 per cent and Bush 38, the Germans 76 and 55, the Italians 65 and 36, and the French 41 and 29.

Perceptions

Even in Latin America, a region which in the past paid relatively little attention to the far-away Soviet Union, Gorbachev's leadership has changed perceptions of the two superpowers in a way that has US policymakers worried.

As long as two years ago, the Pentagon's annual report on Soviet power noted that Moscow had adopted a "more open and vigorous style" since Gorbachev took office.

It said the Soviet Union was trying to exploit Latin America's social, political and economic problems to weaken US influence among its southern neighbours.

As a result, Moscow had "some success in portraying itself as a peace-loving country and in turn presenting the US as a bellicose nation," the report said.

And in a region where personality tends to count more than issues and ideology, the different styles of the Soviet and American leaders have invited unflattering comparisons.

A South American official said recently: "We are living in a situation where we have a young and innovative Soviet President who acts while the most important leader of the West reacts." (Reuters — Washington)



A young Londoner advertises her support for Mikhail Gorbachev during the Soviet president's visit to the UK in April.

Haughey's plan backfires

Irish elections

By Paul Majendie

DUBLIN, June 18, (Reuters): Prime Minister Charles Haughey has richly earned his nickname 'the great survivor' — he has shrugged off scandals and leadership challenges that would have toppled most other politicians.

The flamboyant millionaire with his own private island off western Ireland, is also known as 'the boss' and 'Ireland's Houdini' because of his determination to keep a grip on power and ability to escape from tight corners time and time again.

Now, after his decision to call a snap general election has badly backfired on him, Haughey will have to perform a delicate balancing act when he returns to parliament with four less seats than he had before. He is even further from the overall majority he coveted.

Supporters applaud Haughey as a pragmatic populist with a roughish image as a streetwise man of the people.

Critics say the former accountant is a ruthless autocrat with a lust for power and will to survive at all costs.

Survivor

But above all he is a survivor, prompting political opponent Conor Cruise O'Brien to quip once that if he saw Haughey with a stake through his heart at a crossroads at midnight, he would still carry a clove of garlic just in case.

Haughey, a dachard republican who has branded

northern Ireland as unviable, almost had his career destroyed by the province.

In 1970, he was charged with conspiring to smuggle arms to nationalist guerrillas there. Though acquitted, he was forced to resign as finance minister.

By 1979, he had clawed his way back to power, becoming prime minister when Jack Lynch resigned. But Haughey lasted just 17 months in his first stint in the job.

He returned to power in 1982. Dissidents in his Fianna Fail (Soldiers of Destiny) party vainly tried three times to topple him.

Scandals abounded with a man wanted for murder being found in the attorney-general's flat. Haughey's election agent being accused of voting twice and two journalists having their phones tapped.

His popularity peaked during his latest term when his 'hair-shirt' economics headed Ireland on the road to recovery.

Scandals apart, Haughey has survived a car crash, the sinking of his yacht and a serious fall from a horse. Now he will have to negotiate what could be a stormy course back to parliament with at least tacit opposition support.

Reflecting on the snap election that nobody really wanted, he ruefully concluded "the outcome was quite unsatisfactory and indecisive for everybody." (Reuters — Dublin).

Cambodia's civil war

Hun Sen seeks support

By Denis D. Gray

PRIME Minister Hun Sen, a dedicated communist who lost an eye fighting for the Khmer Rouge, is kissing babies these days like any Western politician seeking popular support. He also has emerged as a key figure in resolving Cambodia's civil war.

Earlier dismissed by the West as a puppet of the Vietnamese, Hun Sen is preparing to run a country that Hanoi promises will be free of all its troops by Sept 30.

In the meantime, he has stepped up negotiations with Cambodian resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk and others to end a guerrilla war that is sapping the country's limited resources and energy.

One of world's youngest government heads, the 38-year-old Hun Sen has impressed diplomats and Western aid officials in Phnom Penh.

"He began as a country boy. Now, he's by far the most intelligent of the lot (among Cambodia's leaders)," says a senior Soviet diplomat.

When interviewed in 1980, Hun Sen spouted Marxist jargon in response to questions submitted in advance and appeared to have a poor grasp of issues. He spoke only Cambodian.

Today, Hun Sen easily fields questions from the floor and reportedly has picked up an impressive range of knowledge through late night study, foreign trips and daily staff briefings. Aides say he is progressing well in English, French and Vietnamese.

He also has picked up democratic-style politicking, driving his own car into villages, listening to farmers' grievances and berating ineffective officials on frequent inspection tours. He takes time out to play soccer and volleyball on civil service teams.

Hun Sen may well be preparing for an election or at least a popularity contest with Sihanouk, who said last month he might return to Phnom Penh. The prime minister appears to realize he is working at a disadvantage.

Despite his current association with the hated Khmer Rouge in the resistance coalition, Sihanouk still commands widespread affection. Especially for older Cambodians, he remains a father figure who presided over an era of peace before his 1970 overthrow and the apocalyptic events it precipitated.

Hun Sen, on the other hand, fought with the Khmer Rouge and remains a communist in a land where the ideology was implemented with extreme brutality.

"The people don't like socialism," he admitted to a journalist recently.

Hun Sen, however, has been the key proponent of economic and political liberalization, and Western aid officials say he gets things done in a government rife with inefficiency and corruption. He has maintained a clean image and appears to live modestly, in contrast to the widespread rumours that his wife is involved in illicit business deals. (AP — Phnom Penh)



Chip off the old block

An elderly Palestinian uses a rock to chip away at a Palestinian flag which has been deeply carved into rock. Israeli soldiers in his village ordered him to erase the nationalistic image. (Reuters wirephoto)

Arab teen shot dead by Israeli soldiers

Shamir to meet Palestinians

JERUSALEM, June 18, (Agencies): Israeli soldiers shot to death a 17-year-old Palestinian today when he tried to escape while being questioned, an Army spokesman said. A soldier was shot and wounded by an Arab assailant in a separate incident.

Also today, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's office confirmed plans to meet Palestinians to discuss his proposal to hold elections in the occupied territories. The balloting would choose representatives to negotiate an interim solution for the 1.7 million residents of the occupied lands.

The meeting was expected to take place secretly next month in Jerusalem, without publication of the participants' names to prevent any reprisal by Palestinian militants opposed to dialogue, Shamir's spokesman Avi Pazner said.

Pazner said Shamir had met with Palestinians previously, but this would be the first time since the cabinet approved the election plan.

The daily Haaretz newspaper quoted diplomatic sources in London as saying PLO chairman Yasser Arafat had given approval for 10 Palestinians from the occupied territories to speak with Israeli officials. This came despite objections from Farouk Kaddoumi, another senior PLO official, the paper said.

In Nablus, Saleh Salah Bahsh, 17, died of two bullets that struck him in the back, hospital officials said.

The Israeli government today outlawed their principal Muslim fundamentalist organisations in the occupied lands, making membership in them punishable by a prison sentence of up to 10 years, a cabinet communiqué said.

The cabinet decided at its meeting today to outlaw the fundamentalist Hamas movement and the extremist Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad groups. Hamas and Islamic Jihad are the leading forces in Gaza and Hebron.

The government has nurtured Muslim fundamentalists as a possible alternative to the PLO. But the fundamentalists have adopted a stand calling for a pan-Islamic state in the region, including Israel and the occupied territories that would make Jews subject to Muslim rule.

The decision on Muslim fundamentalists followed a May crackdown in which more than 200 of Hamas militants, including the movement's spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, were detained in Gaza.

Soldiers opened fire when the youth ignored orders to halt, he said, adding Israeli medics treated Bahsh but he died enroute to the hospital.

Bahsh's death brought to 522 the number of Palestinians killed since the uprising began Dec 8, 1987. Twenty-two Israelis have also been killed.

Later in Nablus, soldiers fired tear-gas and rubber bullets to disperse hundreds of youths who attended Bahsh's funeral. The protesters unfurled an outlawed Palestinian flag and shouting "With blood and soul we will revenge you," an Arab reporter quoted witnesses as saying.

Thirteen Palestinians were wounded in unrest which erupted in seven areas in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, according to Arab reporters.

Also today, masked assailants wounded a Palestinian man suspected of collaborating with Israel in the West Bank village of Kufur Thuluth, stabbing him several times in the chest and arms, an Arab reporter said.

In the Gaza Strip, an unidentified Army officer and a 50-year-old Palestinian man were wounded.

Afghan rebels pushed back, claims Kabul government

KABUL, June 18, (AP): Afghan troops backed by artillery and air support drove Muslim rebels from a crucial area near Jalalabad, pushing them toward the border with Pakistan, the government announced yesterday.

The state Bakhtar news agency reported that at least 229 rebels were killed in the offensive and that 93 died in clashes elsewhere in Afghanistan. The report made no mention of losses suffered by government forces.

"Our troops are in complete control of not

only Jalalabad, but areas beyond the city, and we are pushing the enemies further," Mohammad Nabi Amani, spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, told reporters.

Amani said government troops have driven rebels from the town of Khushgumbodh, 35 kilometres (22 miles) east of Jalalabad. The insurgents are battling the Soviet-backed government in Kabul.

"Our victory is very crucial because we have an important airport at Khushgumbodh," Amani said.

Khushgumbodh, meaning "dome of happiness", is a town of 30,000 people that has been a rebel stronghold.

The eastern city of Jalalabad was the first major rebel target after Soviet troops ended their nine-year occupation of Afghanistan last February.

When the rebel attack on the city began, rebel commanders predicted that it would fall within days.

"We are now more just defending positions. We are now on the offensive," Amani said.

Khomeini's cancer spread rapidly

NICOSIA, July 18, (AP): Cancer spread rapidly through Ayatollah Khomeini's body during his final weeks, and after his last operation doctors weathered a daily crisis in trying to save Iran's supreme leader, according to a report published yesterday.

The report by the government-run Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) monitored in Cyprus, was the first official confirmation that Khomeini had cancer. It contradicted the upbeat statements issued each day by the

doctors between Khomeini's May 23 operation and his June 3 death at age 86.

At the time of the May 23 operation the doctors said it was to stop intestinal bleeding, but the new report said it was to remove the areas worst affected by the cancer.

The details of Khomeini's medical condition came in interviews with doctors Hassan Aref and Iraj Fazel on Thursday and Friday, said IRNA.

In the new report, the doctors also said he

almost died after a 1986 heart attack and that his heart condition was usually aggravated by political or social developments inside Iran.

Aref, Khomeini's chief physician since the ayatollah returned from exile to lead the 1979 Islamic revolution, said he suffered from a rare form of cancer.

"Normally cancer spreads slowly in old people, but this was a kind which spread very quickly and took over everywhere," Aref said.

Soviets negotiate return of POWs

MOSCOW, June 18, (UPI):

More than 300 Soviet soldiers are listed as missing in action in Afghanistan and other former prisoners of war have fled to the West after their release for fear of punishment at home, official Soviet media say.

Nikolai Kozyrev, the Foreign Ministry's ambassador-at-large, said there are 310 MIAs from the Soviets' nine-year involvement in the Afghan war, the official Izvestia government newspaper reported yesterday.

"According to the information we possess, the larger part of the remaining 310 people are being held captive by various opposition groups in Afghanistan and beyond it," Kozyrev said.

The Soviets invaded their southern neighbour in December 1979 to prop up a communist government beset by internal feuds and a Muslim insurgency. About 100,000 Soviet troops completed a nine-month withdrawal in February under a UN-mediated peace pact signed by Afghanistan, Pakistan, the Soviet Union and the United States.

Kozyrev said former West German chancellor Willy Brandt and Palestine Liberation Organisation Chairman Yasser Arafat helped gain the release of 86 former POWs through their mediation with the Pakistani government and Afghan rebels based in Pakistan.

Defection

Many of the 86 former POWs have chosen to live in the West, Kozyrev said.

"Several tens of released Soviet soldiers remained in the West: some 16 people in the United States, about 10 in Canada and several people in Western Europe," he said.

The government last July announced an amnesty pledging that returning POWs would not face prosecution, but only three former soldiers have come home from the West since then — two from Canada and one from the United States, Kozyrev said.

The late dictator Josef Stalin punished as deserters and traitors numerous released or escaped Soviet POWs during World War II, and the practice continued on a smaller scale during the early part of the Afghan war.

Senior Soviet officials have held a series of meetings in the past year with Pakistani officials and with leaders of the Afghan resistance's "alliance of seven", and the fate of Soviet POWs and MIAs had been high on the talks' agenda, Kozyrev said.

The Soviets are also maintaining contacts with the International Committee of the Red Cross in an effort to free their POWs, he said.

"Unfortunately, the results so far are discouraging," Izvestia said. "The Afghan opposition has practically cut off access to Soviet prisoners."

Mission

A private Soviet delegation, including the presence of four POWs, arrived in Islamabad, Pakistan today on a mission to discuss their fate with Pakistani officials and Afghan rebel leaders.

The delegation is led by chief editor of the literary magazine "Soviet Literature."

Talking to reporters on arrival at Islamabad airport, the parents said in emotion-choked voices now that the Soviet troops had been withdrawn from Pakistan, mercy should be shown to the Soviet soldiers taken prisoners by the mujahideen.

"We are here to ask for mercy," said Constantine Gaborev, whose 20-year-old son was captured by mujahideen in Kanduz province in August 1982. "We are willing to meet anybody in Pakistan to take back our sons," he said in a trembling voice and holding back tears.



Pleasant alternatives

Children in Christian East Beirut fly kites as a shaky ceasefire put an end to eight weeks of cross-city bombardment. But schools remain closed for fear that fighting may flare up. (Reuters wirephoto)

Civil war victims compete

Hoss aide seeks US help

SIBLIN, Lebanon, June 18,

(UPI): Scores of handicapped children and adults gathered yesterday in this southern hilltop town for a day of sports competitions organised by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency — the first of its kind in Lebanon.

The 150 Palestinian and Lebanese competitors, aged nine to 25, are victims of Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war. Some were blind, while others had amputated limbs.

The day-long event took place at UNRWA's vocational training centre in Sibling, 29 km (18 miles) south of Beirut.

Jon Reinhold, the Norwegian field relief services officer at UNRWA, said his organisation's "main objective is to integrate the disabled into society where physical contacts between handicapped and people is very important."

"In our annual meeting in Vienna, we have discussed ways to improve the psychological disabled services beside the physical ones," Reinhold added.

Hussein Blishch, who trained the blind participants to run following the sound of two wooden sticks, said: "It took us six months of hard work and training for this sports festival."

The competitors, accompanied by family and friends, arrived from Beirut, Tripoli in the north, the Bekaa valley in the east and the southern port of Tyre.

After each sporting event, UNRWA director Frank Douning distributed commemorative medals for the winners, and a band played music while competitors and the audience celebrated in dancing.

Among the handicapped were Bilal Shihbi, nine, and Samir Al Madani, 10, the two Palestinian boys who travelled to England for treatment at the expenses of

British doctor Pauline Cutting.

The boys were seriously wounded in 1986 during the so-called "camp wars" in the refugee camp of Burj Barajneh where Dr Cutting was trapped for six months.

Palestinian camps were besieged by the Shiite Amal militia.

Bilal, who won a wheelchair racing event, said: "I wish Dr Pauline was with me, so she can share my happiness."

"Please relay to her my regards and tell her that she is always in my mind," he added while tears were about to fall from his eyes.

Unearthing the past

Diggers proceed with care

PALMYRA, Syria, June 18, (AP): Archaeologists have been excavating this ancient oasis city for more than 50 years, but it will take 30 more before the full splendour of Palmyra's temples, tombs and colonnades is restored.

Lines of weathered columns gleam golden against green date-palms. Hundreds more lie buried in the sand, along with piles of huge stone blocks dating from Palmyra's heyday 1,800 years ago when it was the centre of a kingdom that sat astride desert caravan routes.

"If we brought in bulldozers, we could clear the site in six months, but we'd also destroy much evidence needed to assess the city's role in history," said archaeologist Khaled Assad, the site director.

"Doing it slowly means another generation of work by Syrian and foreign excavators... but we'll also be restoring as much of the ancient city as possible."

As well as the Syrian teams, Polish, French, West German, East German and Japanese archaeologists are digging in different areas of Palmyra.

Syria, where human habitation has been traced back 150,000 years, is an archaeological treasure house of the remnants of countless civilizations that have flourished and fallen throughout its history.

About half of ancient Palmyra, sprawling over 12 square kilometres (4 1/2 square miles) of desert, has been unearthed.

It's Syria's top tourist attraction, drawing more than 70,000 visitors a year.

Palmyra was important because it was the hub of the network of caravan trails that carried silks and spices from eastern Asia across the Roman province of Arabia to the Mediterranean.

But its rebellious Queen Zenobia challenged

Rome's authority. The city was plundered in 272 AD after she was captured during a long siege.

"Palmyra is a unique site... It's a great responsibility and we have to look after it, restoring the architecture, bringing it back to life," said culture minister Najat Attar.

This year, conservators finished renovating a 3,000-seat amphitheatre overlooking a colonnaded main avenue where plays, concerts and youth festivals will be staged.

A tall arched portico forms the backdrop, flanked by deep-set doorways and pillars made of limestone hauled from local quarries.

"Palmyra boasts a very lively Roman architecture, and its public buildings are superbly planned," said Asif Bannassi, a recently retired director of antiquities who supervised the restoration.

"We've re-erected more than 150 columns as well as many masonry blocks... you can feel the sense of spaciousness and grandeur."

When excavations got underway in the 1930s, the villagers of Palmyra lived in the ruins of the huge Temple of Bel, the Babylonian equivalent of Zeus, king of the gods in Greek mythology.

They were resettled outside the ancient city in a town that now has a population of 30,000.

The only modern building among the ruins is the 12-room hotel Zerobia dating from 1918, mentioned in many Middle East travellers' memoirs.

But it's unlikely to be torn down because "it happens to stand in the courtyard of a temple to the rain god Belshamin and doesn't overlie anything important," Assad said.

Last year, he said, Syrian archaeologists pulled 30 pieces "of really beautiful statuary" from an underground tomb dated around 98 A.D.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Tehran in outrage

NICOSIA, June 18, (Reuters): A Tehran newspaper said today that Turkey should have declared a few days of official mourning following the death of Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Khomeini earlier this month.

"It is true that the Turkish government expressed sympathy with the Iranian people, but as an Islamic state with the majority of the Iranian people, but as an Islamic state with the majority of the population being Muslims, it should have at least declared a few days of public mourning over the loss of the Imam," the headline Kayhan International said.

'Canned' drugs

RIYADH, June 18, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia has seized millions of dollars worth of drugs concealed in tins of peas.

The consignment had been cleared by Riyadh customs when a can was found to contain hashish, the head of Saudi Arabia's Anti-drugs Department, Major General Ibrahim Meeman, said.

He told today's Asharq Al Awsat newspaper that 800 kg of hashish worth \$14 million was uncovered.

A gang of smugglers had been arrested, he said. They were non-Arabs from a Muslim country but he did not give their nationality.

Executions resumed

NICOSIA, June 18, (AP): Two would-be saboteurs and 15 drug traffickers were hanged in two Iranian provinces yesterday, and 11 other suspected drug smugglers were arrested in the past week, Tehran Television reported.

They were the first executions and arrests reported in Iran since the fundamentalist leader of the Islamic republic, Ayatollah Khomeini, died June 3 at age 86.

The 15 drug traffickers, charged with smuggling and distributing more than 400 kilograms of narcotics, were convicted by Islamic courts and hanged in western Bakhtar province.

Transit drugs seized

AMMAN, June 18, (AP): Police have arrested a Syrian driver trying to smuggle 332 kilograms (732 pounds) of hashish in a truck carrying Kuwaiti registration plates, the anti-narcotics department chief said today.

Col Ghaleb Zoubi said the truck driver was arrested and his cargo seized at the Jordanian border post of Ramtha, after crossing from Syria. The street value of the hashish concealed in the vehicle was estimated at US\$615,000.

Prince Saud in UK

LONDON, June 18, (KUNA): The Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal arrives here this evening from Paris on a brief working visit during which he will hold talks with British leaders.

Prince Saud is scheduled for separate talks tomorrow with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe and his deputy William Waldegrave.

Iraq to aid Sudan

KHARTOUM, June 18, (KUNA): Iraq has pledged to send military support to strengthen combat capabilities of the Sudanese armed forces, declared Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) leader Mohammed Osman Mirghani at a rally of DUP supporters at the village of Yagobab in the Blue Nile province on Friday night.

He said the Iraqi pledge was made in a message to Sudanese Defence Minister Mubarak Osman Rahma.

Bar conference

DAMASCUS, June 18, (KUNA): The seventeenth conference of the Arab Bar Association will open here on Monday under auspices of Syrian President Hafez Al Assad to tackle the theme of mass participation in and the boosting of the Palestinian struggle.

More than 2,000 attorneys from Arab countries, Arab and international organisations and the Arab League will participate in the four-day conference.

Students arrested

ISTANBUL, June 18, (AP): Two university students raided a gas station in downtown Istanbul yesterday and killed a security guard, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

Policemen captured the two gunmen as they tried to escape, Anatolia added.

The dispatch said the officers thought the attackers belonged to an underground political organisation. No other details were given.

Queize leaves

RIYADH, June 18, (KUNA): The Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs of the Gulf Cooperation Council Dr Abdullah Queize left here today for Brussels on a visit to Belgium during which he will hold talks with a number of European Economic Community commissioners and officials.

Pan Maghreb body

TUNIS, June 18, (Reuters): A human rights group will be set up in October covering four north African states, where activists say at least 350 political prisoners are detained.

The presidents of human rights organisations in Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, and Mauritania announced plans for the Maghreb Union of Human Rights today after a meeting in Tunis.

Mosaic stolen

JERUSALEM, June 18, (Reuters): Thieves have stolen a priceless Byzantine mosaic from an archaeological site in northern Israel, an Israeli antiquities department spokesman said today.

The spokesman said the theft of the mosaic from the floor of a small amphitheatre at Beit Shean was discovered on Friday.

The one metre square (nine-square-foot) 6th century mosaic depicted a crowned goddess holding a cornucopia.

EVENTS

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn
AT The Coffee Shop: A variety of continental in oriental cuisine to suit everyone's taste for lunch or dinner.

Al Andalus Thursday — Arabian night. Savour the exotic food especially prepared for this night. Our local entertainers provide music.

Family brunch — a whole day for the family. Entertainment includes Walt Disney cartoon characters plus performance from the great magician. Let your kids enjoy every minute of the day. Delicious mouth watering food in a variety of deserts.

At the Swimming Pool: It's a great night out by the pool, starting at 8:00 p.m.

Barbecue — Music — Games prizes and surprises awaits each one. Bring your family in friends in savour our delicious Shazara Barbecue.

At the Continental
THE Gardenia, at the Kuwait Continental hotel open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays. The buffet features grilled specialties. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arabic and continental cuisine. The Dabbar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

At the Meridien
HOTEL Meridien Kuwait features special weekly promotion at La Brasserie restaurant: Asian Corner every Saturday,

Monday and Wednesday. A wide variety of Asian dishes, in addition to the regular buffet, will be featured. Tempura, fried noodles, etc., are prepared in front of the guests and served on the spot.

Mexican Night every Sunday: Discover the delight of Mexican cuisine awaiting you in our 'Little Mexico.'

Greek Tavern every Tuesday: Experience authentic Greek ambience and food with live Bouzouki music and wide variety of mezzah.

Enjoy an evening of foot-tapping fun every Thursday. Remy and Tony's jam session in La Brasserie.

Family day every Friday: Enjoy a day with your family. La Brasserie offers a wide array of Oriental favourites along with live music, entertainment, and a magician to thrill the little ones and many other games for the children.

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NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Ghanem Pharmacy
Fahd Al Salem St., near the Carlton Hotel
Al Omar Pharmacy
Mubarak Al Kabser St., Al Awqaf Building

Hawalli and Nuzra
Al Ikhlis Pharmacy
Nuzra, Beirut St., Opposite to Al Andalus Cinema
Salmiya and Remaitiya
Heba Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak St.

Fahadheel and Almadhi
Al Flajj Pharmacy
Fahadheel, Makkah St., near the Safeway

Farwaziya
Al Madina Pharmacy
North St.

Jahra
Al Abraj Pharmacy
Al Abraj Ghazal St., near the Educational Department

New embassy phone numbers

THE Bangladesh embassy has been shifted from Jabriya to its new premises in Khaldiya. The new telephone numbers of the embassy are: 4831620, 4831603, 4831604 and 4831605.

INDIAN VIDEO ROUND UP

Kader Khan: no longer a nuisance

By Fathima Ahmed
Arab Times staff

IF the credits say "dialogue by Kader Khan" a viewer normally expects a barrage of innuendo. And if Kader Khan happens to play a "special guest" or whatever role, one usually sees him as one of the baddies, who bash up the hero in the climax sequences. In such cases, his presence is a nuisance. Not so in Jaisi Karni Waisi Bharni.

Perhaps Kader Khan got tired of playing the villain with weird names. Honestly, viewers were wary of his repetitive, predictable villainy in different guises. KK's new image is a welcome change. Khan not only resists the temptation but comes out as a pleasant, likeable character in Jaisi Karni Waisi Bharni, an exceptional shift, emerging on top despite a predictable theme.

Based on a story by Shivam Chitra, one of those family socials, focussing on offspring who hurt their parents. In this instance, Kader Khan's architect son (Shakti Kapoor) plays havoc with his mother and father's emotions.

The treatment of the theme differs with some characters you can identify with like clerk Gangaram, an upright person who ekes out a living. His son, played by Shakti Kapoor, is the opposite and lusts for wealth, becoming a willing prey to a cunning builder.

Also is a third-generation saga with grandson Ravi (Govinda) seeking redemption for the sins committed by his father. Ravi's tactics are rather far-fetched, yet, one can sit through the movie without so much as a yawn or two.

Kimi Katkar brings the romance in the movie, as Radha, she falls all over Govinda and, of course, our TV screen; a pretty picture indeed!

The duo — Govinda and Kimi — are used to add a touch of glamour to the movie with their song and dance routines. Never mind, the situation didn't call for the needless intrusion. But dream-dance sequences are a must in escapist fare.

However, it is in the climax

that director Vimal Kumar makes an avoidable slip, and delves into melodrama, and Jaisi Karni Waisi Bharni exploits its first class tear-jerker potential.

Unlike recent movies, one can watch "Jaisi ..." without going red in the face.

Tere Bina Kya Jina

Tere Bina Kya Jina is a classic example of carrying a joke too far. Billed as a comedy by the video shop salesmen, it turns out to be a cross between a marital rift and a comedy. That it is neither a comedy nor a tragedy, is its biggest flaw.

It starts off as one of those films that spell trouble with a capital T for the couple, played by Moon Moon Sen and Shekhar Suman.

Shekhar is one of those husbands who never turns up on time for an appointment with his wife and keeps her waiting at the cinema, restaurant and at home. The couple kiss and make-up each time he errs, but one fine day, the wife walks out on Shekhar.

"I'll commit suicide," he tells her. "It's not easy," she informs him, and then tells him to "go kill himself". This was premise enough for a rip-roaring comedy, in fact, some sequences do raise a laugh, but that's about it.

The writer decides to add a new character — Ghadar Singh (Satish Shah), who is hired by Shekhar to "put me to death without my knowledge." This turns into a lengthy charade that goes too far, stripping it of any comic potential the theme had. It becomes a stale joke told once too often.

Wasta

A small budget movie, Wasta is not about the "wasta" (influence) we hear of in Kuwait. It is about relationships. Though it puts pressure on a viewer, it unfolds into an engrossing movie about the immediate family of a convicted criminal, and how his foreboding presence destroys the humdrum pace of their life.

It opens with violence: a man rapes a girl at knifepoint as her mother cries out for help. Abruptly, the credits roll. The film starts with the wedding of Jagannath (Veerendra Raz-



Govinda

dan) and Kunti (Kiran Juneja); the proceedings marked by a police raid looking for Kedar, Jagannath's cousin, who has escaped from police custody. Thus, setting the pace for the following events showing how an entire community dreads one single man.

The village folk prefer to give false testimony in court to protect themselves from Kedar. Although they act in haste, they repent at leisure after Kedar unleashes a reign of terror, destroying everyone and everything that comes in his way.

Wasta's theme exposes, in its own manner, social hypocrisy; norms and customs that cover injustice to protect so-called family honour and status. In the process, individuals suffer. The film would have had a much greater impact if it had been judiciously edited. Although it doesn't stray from its purported theme, it weighs heavily as the director prolongs the film.

The above films are by courtesy of Ashari Video, Main St., Farwaziya. Tel. 4712900; and Falcon Video, Abbasiya, Tel. 4316398.



Moon Moon Sen

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoons
9.30 Ifah Ya Simsim: Children's programme
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
10.15 Hikayat Sakhina: Arabic serial (Last Part)
11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
11.20 Al Nisr Wa Ayoun Al Madinah: Arabic serial (Part 2)
12.32 Cultural film
1.00 News Summary
1.05 The World News via Satellite
1.30 Flouna: Cartoon serial
2.00 Variety
2.15 Abu Awaadh: Arabic serial (Last Part)
3.00 Mawsoot Al Sona al Nabawiya: Religious programme
3.30 Cartoon serial
4.00 Meerath Al Sineen: Religious historical stories
5.45 Al Atfal Wa El Saif: Children's programme
7.00 Alam Al Ghad

(Tomorrow's World) Cultural programme

7.30 Variety
7.45 Holy Quran and Science
8.30 Omsiyat Al Ithneen: Local programme, prepared and presented by Mohammed Al Barjis
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Ili Ma'a Qursh: Daily Arabic serial (Part 10)
10.45 Hamati Qonbula Thariya: Arabic feature film.
12.30 News Summary
12.35 The World via Satellite
1.00 The Holy Quran and Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Bionic Six: Cartoon series
6.30 Wild America: "Breaking Wild Life." A look at life in the wilderness.
7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world and regional affairs.

7.30 Charles-in-Charge: "Getting In." Charles and his friends want to join a group. But first, they must pass a test. Comedy.

8.00 News in English
8.40 Paradise: "The Promise." Uncle Ethan and his nephews George and Ben are caught in a sand storm in the desert.

9.30 227: "Best Friends." Mary suffers from an inferiority complex when her celebrity friend pays a visit. Comedy.

10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: The Hitchcockian brand of thrills are in store for viewers in tonight's episode.

10.30 French Series: One Cop, One Judge. "Le Huchost." A police officer takes up the task of investigating fraud by a group popular for its religious activities.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

CINEMA

Al Andalus
Halloween IV
Al Salmiya
Moving
Al Hamra
Cobra Mission II
Drive-In
Arabic Film
Firdous
7 Bijliyaan
Starring: Tina Munim, Raj Kiran
Fahadheel Open-air
Biwi-O-Biwi
Al Fahadheel
War Victims
Al Jahra
Booby Trap
Granada
Born American
Sulaibikhat
Batteries Not Included
Al Jleeb
Ladaku
Ahmadi Drive-In
Ho Fatto Splash

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"Indian Ladies Club, Kuwait, bade farewell to Mrs Chaya Jha, wife of Indian ambassador, N.N. Jha, during a party at Kuwait Continental Hotel on June 4. Picture show Mrs Chaya Jha (sitting fourth from left) with Mrs Mukhija, wife of Indian embassy counsellor R.S. Mukhija (her right), Mrs Minakshi Chanda (her left) and other Indian Ladies Club members.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Kenya to ease import rules

NAIROBI, June 18, (Reuters): Finance Minister George Saitoti said on Thursday he would ease import rules, tax farmers and introduce a value added tax as part of an overhaul of Kenya's economy.

In his 1989-90 budget speech, Saitoti, who is also vice-president, said he planned to loosen import rules by relying on tariffs rather than quotas to protect the country's industries.

Kenya has been under pressure from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund to liberalise imports.

"I want to stress the fact that structural adjustment policies are not new in Kenya, nor are they something that the World Bank or the International Monetary Fund are forcing on us against our will," Saitoti said.

He also unveiled plans to extend income tax to cover farmers, most of whom have not so far been taxed. Export duty on coffee and tea would be eliminated, he added.

There were also plans to introduce a value added tax (VAT) to virtually all goods and services.

He did not say at what rate VAT would be applied to goods nor did he give a timetable for its introduction.

Saitoti said a key shift of his economic restructuring plan was to move away from physically limiting imports through quotas, licensing and foreign exchange allocations. As a first step, the licensing system will be streamlined, he said.

But the minister said Kenya remained convinced that its industries still required some protection from imports.

Saitoti forecast a slight cut in the fiscal deficit to 4.2 per cent of gross domestic product from 4.5 per cent in 1988/89.

Overall, net recurrent expenditures for 1989/90 will rise 5.7 per cent to 26.21 billion shillings (\$1.3 billion), and development spending by 14.4 per cent to 18.4 billion KSh (\$899.6 million).

The budget calls for a rise in ordinary domestic revenue to 42.2 billion KSh (\$2 billion) from 36.4 billion KSh (\$1.8 billion).

Foreign donors have pledged 19.4 billion KSh (\$947.4 million), he said.

Guerrillas blow up oil pumping station

BOGOTA, Colombia, June 18, (AP): Leftist guerrillas blew up a pumping station for Colombia's biggest oil pipeline, forcing the suspension of oil exports for at least three weeks, the state oil company Ecopetrol said today.

The guerrillas demanded nationalisation of the country's biggest oil field, Cano Limon, operated by Royal Dutch Shell, Occidental and Ecopetrol.

Friday's rebel attack killed one soldier and wounded another, the Defence Ministry said. Four soldiers died in another guerrilla attack in the southern plains, the ministry said.

The damaged pipeline took 250,000 barrels of oil a day from the Cano Limon field, in the northeast state of Arauca, to the Caribbean port city of Covenas, 500 miles (800 kilometres) away.

All of Colombia's oil exports come from the Cano Limon field.

The insurgent attack near Covenas on Friday did more damage than any of the more than 100 other attacks on the pipeline since it began pumping more than two years ago. The pipeline has been attacked 18 times this year.

A statement released by Ecopetrol blamed the National Liberation Army, the same group that has claimed responsibility for the earlier attacks.

The guerrilla group, known as the ELN, sent a communiqué to Bogota newspapers and radio stations after the latest attack, demanding that Ecopetrol nationalise the Cano Limon field, which has more than one billion barrels of oil reserves.

The guerrilla communiqué was signed by the ELN's leader, Manuel Perez.

Perez has rejected all suggestions of peace talks and vowed to keep up the rebel group's series of devastating attacks on the oil industry.

UAE likely to set up exchange

Gulf stock markets blossom

KUWAIT, June 18, (Reuters): Share trading has begun to blossom in the Gulf, with governments seemingly confident they can avoid a repetition of a 1982 crash that plunged Kuwait into recession.

Plans to develop several Gulf markets stopped dead in their tracks when Kuwaiti share prices collapsed in a tangle of wild speculation and post-dated cheques, leaving a \$90 billion mountain of debt that is still being sorted out.

In the years since, Kuwait was the region's only official exchange. But in the last month trading floors have opened in Oman and Bahrain and a second, parallel market has been set up in Kuwait.

"Five years ago, confidence in shares and stock markets was not the best," said Ziad Taki, chief economist at the National Bank of Kuwait.

"But in the last five or six years the

good companies have been able to get back on their feet," he added.

The potential amount of money at stake in the six countries of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) is huge.

One share analyst in Saudi Arabia estimated the kingdom's private citizens had an estimated 150 to 200 billion Saudi riyals (\$40 billion to 50 billion) in liquid funds inside and outside the country.

Economists said governments hoped the new exchanges would direct some of this money into productive activities, giving a boost to economies that have stagnated since the oil boom ended in the early 1980s.

Raising funds has not been a problem, they said. Until now, small investors have had few investment options other than bank deposits and real estate.

Economists said that the October 1987 crash on world markets sparked the return of a significant amount of capital that had been invested abroad, and

investor confidence has been increasing gradually since the August ceasefire in the war between Iran and Iraq.

But Jassem Al Sadoun of Kuwait's Al Shall Economic Consultants said the capital-rich market has been confronted by a lack of local investments.

"High living standards and low productivity has put local business at a comparative disadvantage," he said.

In Kuwait, one solution has been to approve the listing of unit trusts on the stock exchange, where financial companies would collect and combine cash from small investors to invest overseas.

Bahrain is also studying the idea of mutual funds, said Fawzi Behad, head of the island-state's new exchange.

Taki said the need for a outlet for local funds was most acute in Kuwait, where there was more money and the financial infrastructure more sophisticated.

He said building up the market would allow the Kuwait government to sell off

shares in companies it had set up or had purchased to shore up the market after the 1982 crash.

The new parallel market is designed mainly to encourage smaller companies to go public. As they grow in size and strength they will be allowed to transfer to the main exchange.

Bahrain, on the other hand, has been seeking to play a role as a regional share market while Oman has sought to build up small local companies.

The United Arab Emirates has also been looking into setting up an exchange.

Saudi Arabia, in spite of a series of public share flotations last year and plans for more this year, looks unlikely to open an exchange of its own any time soon, stock market analysts said.

Trading in the kingdom was taken out of the hands of brokers and turned over to the banks in the aftermath of the Kuwaiti crash. Deals are now put together through a cumbersome system

of telexes.

A trading floor experiment ended abruptly in 1987 after only 10 days due to pressure from merchants and religious groups opposed to the system, according to bankers.

Behdad said Bahrain would be safe from speculation like that which led to the Kuwaiti crash.

He said all trades would go through a handful of licensed dealers and be monitored closely.

Dealing would be stopped if it appeared share prices of a specific company did not reflect their true value closely enough, and minimum and maximum limits have been set for daily price fluctuations.

In Kuwait, the market is also being strictly controlled. "The government is making greater efforts to ensure companies adhere to the objectives they were set up for and not speculate in the stock market like before," said Taki.

Oil output likely to rebound sharply

LONDON, June 18, (Reuters): British oil output is likely to rebound sharply to near-normal levels in September after being in the doldrums for a year following accidents and equipment failures, energy analysts forecast yesterday.

"Assuming that all goes well, our overall average forecast for the second half of 1989 is around 2.2 million barrels per day (BPD)," said Jacques Robinson, an analyst with London stock broker James Capel and Co.

Britain produced an average of around 2.2 million in 1988. But high production in the first half was offset after a gas explosion on the Piper Alpha platform in July which killed 167 men and shut in several fields.

Another gas blast on April 18 this affected the Brent pipeline system which was carrying almost half a million barrels daily. It was shut down for six weeks.

The analysts said summer maintenance programmes would hold average British production down to about 1.7 million barrels daily in June but July and August should see output picking up.

"By September it should all be back to normal," said Matthew Shore, an analyst at North Sea specialists county Natwest Woodmac.

Further good news for the economy is that May output now seems likely to have been about 1.6 million barrels daily, most analysts say, about 100,000 higher than previously forecast. Final British figures for May are not yet available but it does not seem as if Norway, Western Europe's number two producer, may not after all have briefly overtaken Britain.

Norway slipped back slightly to 1.54 million barrels daily in May from a record 1.59 million in April, according to a Reuters survey of oil companies operating there.

American oil prices plunge

NEW YORK, June 18, (UPI): US crude oil prices plunged on Friday as the panic buying of the two previous days ended and gasoline fell to its lowest price on the New York Mercantile Exchange since the March 24 Alaska oil spill.

In Merc futures trading of immediate delivery contracts, West Texas Intermediate, the US benchmark crude, plummeted 62 cents a barrel to end the day at \$19.95 a barrel. It had gained \$1.23 a barrel in the two previous sessions and ended the week still 7 cents higher than last Friday.

On the US Gulf Coast spot market, where oil is sold to the highest bidder, WTI plummeted 70 cents to \$19.90 a barrel. It had risen a total \$1.30 a barrel on Wednesday and Thursday.

"The lack of panic buying caused West Texas Intermediate to return to its normal level of trading," said Larry Lawrence, head technical analyst with New York Elders Futures Inc.

"The emotional panic buying of the last couple of days of July crude ended today," Lawrence said.

The fear traders had that they would not have enough physical barrels off the benchmark US crude to deliver when Merc trading on July contracts ends next Tuesday had caused "a stampede" of buying Wednesday and Thursday, he said.

More energy use predicted

Demand for Mideast oil set to rise further

PARIS, June 18, (Reuters): The world will be using 50 per cent more energy by early in the next century, causing an inevitable rise in pollution, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said today.

The West's energy "watchdog" organisation said Third World and communist nations that cannot afford many environmental safeguards would account for much of the rise in energy use.

A new IEA long-term forecast also said fossil fuels — oil, coal and gas — would still be meeting nearly 90 per cent of world requirements in the early 21st century, with a big jump in the West's dependence on Middle East oil.

Burning fossil fuels produces carbon dioxide, indicted by many scientists as the chief culprit in the predicted "greenhouse effect" warming of the earth.

"Our current projections would imply an increase in carbon dioxide emissions of two per cent a year for the world," George Kowalski, IEA chief

economic advisor, told Reuters. "Over the next 20 years it could be a 50 per cent increase."

The IEA said there had been no significant increase in energy efficiency outside the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the 24-nation bloc of non-communist industrial nations.

Energy demand in the developing and communist countries had meanwhile doubled between 1971-1987, so that together they now consumed about as much as OECD countries.

The new IEA figures forecast that Third World and communist bloc energy consumption would rise to 58 per cent of the world total by 2005.

Oil's relative importance in the global energy mix should decline as use of natural gas doubles, the IEA suggested. Gas yields less carbon dioxide than coal or oil.

Even so, the IEA long-term projections show world-wide oil demand is likely to grow by one-third, on the assumption of only a modest real price rise.

Coal use is likely to remain broadly constant at about one-third of total energy use. Nuclear energy is expected to meet only five per cent of demand by 2005.

Kowalski said that within the oil sector, declining production in the industrial nations was likely to mean reviving economic power for Middle East producers, which have vast reserves from which they can pump oil at low cost.

Total demand for Middle East oil could almost double from the current 15 million barrels per day (BPD), he forecast.

"For OECD production not to go down, you'd have to find a new Alaska or a New North Sea," Kowalski said. "OECD import dependence, now about 52 per cent, could rise to about 65 per cent by the turn of the century."

Oil fields on the Alaska north slope and in the North Sea have been the biggest finds outside the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries since the 1972 Arab oil embargo caused the first OPEC "price shock."

Operating rate for factories declines

WASHINGTON, June 18, (AP): The operating rate for US factories dropped in May to 83.8 per cent of capacity amid signs the American economy has continued to slow in recent months, the government said yesterday.

The Federal Reserve said the May operating rate was 0.3 percentage point below April's 84.1 per cent and matched the rate in March. The rate increased in April for the first time since it hit a 10-year high of 84.3 per cent last December.

"The operating rates for manufacturing and for utilities both declined in May," the Fed said. "Most manufacturing industries showed some decrease in utilisation in May, continuing the easing that started at the beginning of the year."

Economists had worried that the steady upward march of operating rates last year signalled increased inflationary pressures. The closer US industry gets to full operating capacity, the greater difficulty it has producing enough to meet demand, leading to shortages and price increases.

Until recently, the Fed has been pushing up interest rates in an attempt to cool those inflationary pressures without slowing growth so much that the economy slides into a recession.

In another report on Thursday, the Federal Reserve said the pace of industrial production was unchanged in May after a 0.6 per cent hike in April. Production had edged up 0.1 per cent in March after falling 0.2 per cent in February, the first decline in a year.

The Fed's industrial production index stood at 141.4 per cent of its 1977 base, 3.9 per cent higher than a year ago and the same as last month's index. Last month's operating rate of 83.8 per cent was up from 82.9 per cent a year earlier.

The operating rate fell 0.3 percentage point to 84.0 per cent at manufacturing plants, returning to the March operating level. Prior to April, the rate had declined since it peaked at 84.7 in January.

Analysts generally consider an operating rate of 85 per cent or above as an indication of inflationary pressures.

The rate at factories producing durable goods, big ticket items expected to last more than three years, fell from 82.8 per cent in April to 82.5 per cent in May, reflecting decreases in most categories.

Farmers filling up rice paddies

Flower business blooming in Japan

TOKYO, June 18, (Reuters): Rice paddies are being turned into rose gardens as Japanese farmers discover there is money in saying it with flowers.

Flowers were once just another product for sale in vegetable stores in Japan — and then purchased mostly as modest bouquets for Buddhist ceremonies.

But now individual florist shops are booming with colourful tulips and orchids flown in from Europe and Southeast Asia to supplement local varieties.

"People, especially in big cities, are desperately seeking relief in life, and flowers are the handiest luxury they can find," said Takaaki Kikuchi at the Japan Florists' Telegraph Delivery (JFTD).

According to the government statistics, the average Japanese household spent about 9,400 yen (\$65) on cut flowers in the past year, up from about 7,400 yen (\$50) four years ago.

The country's flower fields increased to 14,200 hectares (35,000 acres) in 1987 from 9,300 (22,900 acres) in 1975, due mostly to conversions from rice paddies, a farm ministry official said.

"Farmers are filling up rice paddies and building up greenhouses for vegetables and flowers in line with the government's policy to cut rice surpluses," he said.

Industry sources estimate Japan's total flower sales to be nearing an annual one trillion yen (\$7 billion).

Increasing demand for various species, combined with the appreciation of the yen since 1985, has also sharply boosted Japanese imports of cut flowers.

To speed imports, custom inspections have been streamlined and there is even an inspector stationed at the Alameer flower market in the Netherlands.

The top flower exporter to Japan in 1988 was Thailand, followed by the Netherlands. Orchids accounted for nearly half the flowers imported.

JFTD's Kikuchi said the Samurai tradition of strong dignified men meant that Japanese men did not give flowers to women, but this was changing.

More and more often, younger men are seen buying flowers for their wives and girlfriends.

Western flowers such as roses and carnations are popular, with many customers willing to pay 5,000 yen (\$35) to 10,000 yen (\$70) for bouquets, said Hiroyuki Ishii, a spokesman for Hibiya-Kadan, one of the nation's largest florist chains.

Industry sources say about half of Japan's total flower sales are for funerals, weddings and parties, often purchased by companies or politicians.

"For an average-size funeral, around 100,000 yen (\$700) is spent on flowers, and for large funerals of big businessmen or show business people, sometimes it goes up to over five million yen (\$35,000)," Ishii said.

IMF backs Algerian drive

Plan to liberalise economy

ALGIERS, June 18, (Reuters): The International Monetary Fund, has urged Algeria to pursue sweeping proposed reforms, a month after granting it an unprecedented standby loan.

IMF director general Michel Camdessus said in remarks published in the official Algerian daily El Moudjahid today he was optimistic about prospects for Algeria's economy, battered by falling oil prices, inefficient industries, drought and heavy foreign debts.

But he urged the Algerian government to cut its budget deficit, set realistic interest rates and implement planned reforms aimed at liberalising the state-dominated socialist economy.

"Algeria cannot adapt to what has become the world economy, competitive and open, without giving itself the flexibility of a diversified and market economy," the newspaper quoted Camdessus as saying. "Experience shows that a complex and growing economy such as Algeria's works better when it is decentralised and deregulated and when a greater place is made for individual initiative."

The IMF's first ever package to Algeria includes a one-year standby credit of 155 million Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) (\$200 million) and up to 325 million SDRs (\$425 million) in other financing.

Algeria approached the IMF to ease a heavy foreign debt burden, on which service this year amounts to nearly two-thirds of projected export revenue of some \$10 billion.

Growing anti-union action killed 650 in '88: survey

Most brutal repression

GENEVA, June 18, (Reuters): Nearly 650 trade unionists were murdered and more than 10 times as many arrested last year during normal union activity around the world, the largest Western labour group said today.

Trade unionists in Latin America suffered the most brutal repression, and the situation in Africa caused concern, the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) said in an annual survey of violations of trade union rights.

The report, which cited 79 countries, said the number of deaths was nearly double the figure of 350 reported in the previous year's survey.

ICFTU general secretary John Vanderveken said the increase was very disturbing. He called in a statement for stronger government action to halt rising persecution of trade unionists.

The Brussels-based ICFTU, which links 142 national trade union organisations in 97 countries, released the report in Geneva

where a delegation headed by Vanderveken is attending the annual conference of the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

The survey said many Latin American countries showed "a pattern of vicious repression, and apparent government indifference allied to legal moves against trade union movements."

It cited killings and arrests in Colombia, El Salvador and Brazil and repression in Guatemala, Nicaragua, Chile and Paraguay.

On Africa, the report said: "The general human and trade union rights situation in much of the continent ... continues to give cause for concern."

Political interference was frequent, with governments violating freedom of association by imposing single trade union structures. The survey cited Algeria, Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Kenya, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger,

Nigeria, Somalia, Tanzania and Zambia. In South Africa, the report said there was total denial of fundamental human rights, and the independent black trade union movement was a particular target for repression.

In Asia, the survey said, important steps towards democracy had not been matched by greater respect for trade union rights.

It cited a three-month strike at South Korea's Hyundai Shipbuilding Company which it said was crushed by 10,000 riot police, with 700 workers arrested, last March.

In the same month 7,000 riot police using tear-gas and bulldozers intervened on the first day of a strike over management refusals to negotiate with an underground workers' union in Seoul, and 2,334 union members were arrested, it said.

Labour legislation in Turkey still violated many basic rights, including the right to strike and collective bargaining, the survey said.

Even in countries with democratic governments there was a trend towards interference in free collective bargaining, it added, citing Denmark, Iceland and the Netherlands as examples.

Moves by the British government to dismiss or transfer workers who remained in unions, despite a ban on union membership at its main communications listening station at Cheltenham, were a "flagrant violation of freedom of association," the survey said.

It noted that under intense popular pressure, the Polish authorities had re-legalised the Solidarity free trade union, and said there were instances of free unions being formed in Hungary, so far without government repression.

But official unions in East Europe continued to be dominated by ruling communist parties.

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US tries to develop market for shares

WASHINGTON, June 18, (Reuters). The US Congress and government agencies, with the 1987 stock market crash still casting a long shadow, are moving cautiously to develop an instant global market for company shares.

A 24-hour stock market is considered inevitable, but there is still concern about control without vast new co-operative measures if an international selling panic were triggered.

Experts say electronic technology will create a world-wide trading system in stocks at any hour of the day or night, with instantaneous clearance, settlement and exchange of funds.

In such a system, there would be very little abuse, since the price anywhere in the world would be the same at the same time and the transaction would be completed, as one official put it, "in a heartbeat".

But this would require virtually unprecedented co-operation among regulating agencies in various countries.

Officials, including Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan, concede that such a system is years away.

Hearings before the Senate Banking Subcommittee on securities have focused on share-dealing without frontiers as congressmen tried to determine how legislation should guide the creation of global markets.

Connecticut Democrat Christopher Dodd and Pennsylvania Republican John Heinz have introduced legislation, at the urging of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), to improve communication between international regulators and help keep US markets competitive in the new environment.

To a degree, the legislation is the fallout of the stock market crash in October 1987 in which the Dow Jones industrial average dropped over 500 points in one day.

David Ruder, chairman of the SEC, the agency which oversees the US securities market, said in testimony last week that the largest issue facing the industry was how to keep capital flowing into the system during a panic.

Currently firms that make markets in specific stocks, called specialists on the New York Stock Exchange, are required to keep markets orderly even when there are vastly more sellers and buyers.

A similar system with market makers would also exist in an electronic setup but there are questions on how it would be regulated, particularly when trading moved across borders.

What is unclear, Ruder said, is who would operate and regulate such a system, determining such basic matters as what stocks would be traded and what information companies would have to disclose.

Olivetti sees flat profits in '89

IVREA, Italy, June 18, (Reuters). Italian computer giant Olivetti, helped by an upturn of sales in May, expected profits to be little changed in 1989 after a slow start to the year, group chairman Carlo de Benedetti said on Wednesday.

Speaking to reporters after Olivetti's annual meeting here, he also said the company was hoping to announce the largest order in its history in the next few days, but he declined to give details.

He said profits would be "about equal to 1988". In 1988 Ing. C. Olivetti EC SPA Consolidated net profit fell to 356.2 billion lire (\$245 million) from 403 billion lire (\$275 million) in 1987.

De Benedetti said the company's full year growth in turnover would be above the increase of 6.9 per cent seen during the first five months this year.

He said sales rebounded in May after a sluggish start to the year. "If this trend continues, we should be in line with our budget forecasts," he said. Olivetti's Consolidated turnover rose to 8.47 trillion lire (\$5.8 billion) in 1988 from 7.37 trillion (\$5 billion) a year earlier.

House passes savings and loan bailout bill

Time-Warner merger could thwart Paramount's \$10.7b bid

NEW YORK, June 18, (UPI). A revised Time-Warner merger could thwart Paramount's \$10.7 billion bid. Michael Milken resigned from Drexel to form his own firm and the House passed the savings and loan bailout bill.

In New York, Time Inc. and Warner Communications Inc. said Friday their boards approved a revised merger under which Time will launch a \$7 billion cash tender offer for 100 million of Warner's common shares.

Time directors rejected a hostile \$10.7 billion bid from Paramount Communications Inc., launched days before shareholders were to vote on an earlier Time-Warner pact.

Time also filed suit against Paramount in US district court in Manhattan, charging it with attempting to disrupt Time's proposed merger with Warner.

Earlier in the week, Time asked the Federal Communications Commission to block Paramount's bid.

Paramount said it will continue its pursuit of Time.

Michael Milken, former head of Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc.'s high-yield "junk bond" unit, and his brother, Lowell, a senior Drexel executive, resigned from the Wall Street firm Thursday.

The resignations coincided with published reports the Securities and Exchange Commission and Drexel Burnham were about to ask a federal judge to approve their proposed settlement of civil securities-fraud charges.

Michael Milken, 42, has formed a consulting firm called International Capital Access Group, which will provide advice and assistance to individuals, communities and companies.

The House of Representatives Thursday defeated an amendment to the savings and loan bailout bill that would have allowed owners to continue counting an intangible asset, known as supervisory goodwill, as part of the hard capital they are required to invest in their thrifts.

The S&L bill requires owners to invest more of their own funds in their institutions to up to 3 per cent of total assets by June 1990. The bill is backed by the theory that the more money owners have at stake, the less likely they are to make speculative investments that helped create the crisis.

Earlier in the week, President Bush vetoed a minimum-wage bill that would have increased the minimum hourly wage to \$4.55 over the next three years, saying the measure would cost young people jobs.

The House was unable to override the veto and the bill was reintroduced.

Bush supports a bill that would boost the minimum wage to \$4.25 an hour from the current \$3.35. He also advocates the introduction of a lower training wage during an employee's first six months on the job.

The Commerce Department said Thursday the US trade deficit declined

13.4 per cent to \$8.3 billion in April as imports plunged and exports reached a record level for the second consecutive month.

However, analysts said the deficit was at virtually the same level in April as it was in the spring of 1988, and warned the strong dollar would make US goods more expensive, endangering competitiveness.

Higher gasoline prices fuelled a 0.6 per cent rise in consumer prices in May, bringing the nation's annual inflation rate to 6.7 per cent.

The seasonally adjusted increase in the consumer price index followed a rise of 0.7 per cent in April and was higher than the 0.5 per cent increase expected by most economists.

The dollar, which continued its rally earlier in the week, plummeted Thursday in volatile trading after reports that the Bank of Japan would unleash a massive dollar-selling campaign.

Analysts said dealers were shaken by

the dollar's sharp drop, which saw the dollar tumble in West Germany through the 2-mark level and surrender sharp gains won just hours earlier against the Japanese yen.

The US currency continued to slide following the higher-than-expected government report on consumer prices.

Attorneys for bankrupt Eastern Airlines Friday announced an agreement to sell the airline's assets at Philadelphia International Airport, two routes to Canada, two landing slots at New York's LaGuardia airport, two landing slots at Washington's National Airport, and 16 DC-9 aircraft to Midway Airlines Inc.

The sale, worth \$206 million, must be approved by US bankruptcy court judge Burton Lifland.

Eastern said it was pulling out of a proposed deal to sell eight gates at Philadelphia and the two Canadian routes to Usair Group Inc. for \$85 million.

Pan Am Corp., Northwest Airlines'

machinists' union and investor Marvin Davis Friday submitted revised bids for NWA Inc. before the latest deadline in the multibillion dollar bidding fray for the parent of Northwest Airlines.

Other investors believed to be continuing to press takeover attempts include a group headed up by Al Checchi that include KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, and Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co., a New York takeover firm.

Thomson McKinnon Securities agreed this week to be acquired by Prudential-Bache Securities for about \$60 million. The brokerage, founded 104 years ago, had been seeking a buyer since the 1987 stock market collapse.

In Toronto, Kingsbridge Capital Corp. and Cara Operations Ltd. Thursday announced a joint \$300 million tender offer for Dunkin' Donuts Inc.

The partnership was launched after Randolph, Massachusetts-based Dunkin' Donuts rebuffed a merger offer of \$250 million from Kingsbridge in May.

Dream plane saves prestige

Moscow emerges triumphant

PARIS, June 18, (Reuters). The Soviet Union emerged triumphant when the Paris air show ended today despite the dramatic loss of a MiG-29 fighter ten days earlier on the opening day.

Soviet officials at the biggest array of Soviet air-power ever seen in the West were horrified when the pride of their military jets crashed on June 8 during a display flight.

But Moscow stole the show with two planes from opposing ends of the aviation scale, the Antonov-225 'Mriya' (dream) cargo plane and the Sukhoi SU-27 interceptor jet.

The Mriya - carrying the Soviet space shuttle Buran on its back - fascinated hundreds of thousands of spectators and won massive applause when it lumbered into the air yesterday for a 10-minute display.

Some 80 metres (yards) long and capable of carrying up to 250 tonnes of cargo, the Mriya slowly

circled the Le Bourget airfield near Paris, casting huge shadows as it blotted out the sun.

The Mriya, the latest plane from the Antonov Design Studios, impressed onlookers with its size, but the SU-27 won the friendly battle in the skies for the best fighter jet on display.

Although it lacks the advanced electronic controls of Western jets, the sky-blue aircraft's aerodynamic design enables it to fly at startlingly slow speeds while retaining control.

But some Western pilots said Soviet pilots were taking risks by forcing the SU-27 into dangerous manoeuvres.

Pilot error was excluded in the MiG-29 crash. The right engine blew as Anatoly Kvochur pulled out of a low pass, and he ejected safely with seconds to spare.

Soviet officials, holding daily news conferences in the cavernous belly of the Antonov-225,

proudly presented Kvochur to the press five days after the crash.

He was virtually unharmed and was hailed a hero in the French media.

The SU-27 outshone the West's military jets on show, the American F-16, France's new and controversial Rafale and Britain's Harrier jump jet.

Soviet officials say the military jets were brought to the Paris show in the new spirit of Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's drive for glasnost (openness) and perestroika (restructuring).

But there were also indications Moscow is seeking to break into Western commercial aviation markets.

Officials said the Mriya plane was available to Western companies seeking to transport oversized cargos, and a diagram of the Mriya carrying the proposed British space plane Hotol on its back was exhibited inside the air-

craft.

The world's largest plane makers, also present at the show, were faced with the growing problem of flight safety.

US plane maker Boeing was forced to ground its fleet of 29 737-400s during the show after an engine problem linked to a crash in England in January which killed 47 people.

Two Boeing 737s suffered similar problems last weekend in England, forcing them to make emergency landings, and Franco-American engine maker CFM International said a serious crack was found in the engine of one of the grounded planes.

Boeing jets have been struck by a series of unrelated disasters in the past 18 months, and the West European firm Airbus Industrie called during the air show for stricter rules on the length of time planes are allowed to operate.

Guangdong welcomes investors

Open-door 'policy' will stay

CANTON, June 18, (Reuters). Guangdong province has promised that its welcome for foreign investors will not change, whatever happens to the leadership in Peking, but foreign businessmen and diplomats are unsure.

"Our reform and open-door policy will not change," Vice-Governor Yu Fei told 50 representatives of more than 30 firms with foreign investment in Guangdong.

"These policies have brought fast growth and great improvement in living standards. We will make them better."

"We have confidence in Guangdong where our factory makes a world class product," said the representative of a US chemical firm.

"But the power struggle in Peking is not finished. Maybe all the deals we have done with Guangdong will be cancelled and the power taken back by Peking."

"Our attitude is wait and see and no new investment for the moment."

The representative of a major Japanese trading house said they would not go ahead with any new investment until the situation became clearer.

Official figures published in Friday's Nanfang daily show foreign investment in Guangdong in the first five months of \$1.1 billion, more than double

the equivalent period last year. Exports by firms with foreign investment were \$500 million up 81 per cent.

Lou Yuhua, general manager of Guangdong Foreign Investment Service Centre, denied there would be any change in policy.

He said the policy predated the arrival of Zhao Ziyang as premier and would outlast him if he loses or has already lost his post as Communist Party chief, as is widely believed by diplomats and most Chinese.

Zhao, who spent much of his professional life in Guangdong province, was the foremost executor of the reform policies that have brought so much prosperity to the province.

"His fall may bring the downfall of those associated with him, including those in Guangdong."

"The new leaders do not want to move to the market economy Zhao envisioned."

"Many provinces are jealous of Guangdong's wealth and privileges."

He said disturbances had not occurred in cities where reforms had advanced, such as Xiamen, Canton, Dalian and Tianjin, proving Zhao was right to say economic growth was the best way to bring social stability.

Lowest level in nearly 7 years

US housing starts drop

WASHINGTON, June 18, (UPI). Housing starts fell 2.1 per cent in May to their lowest level in nearly seven years as healthy building in the western United States failed to offset weakness in all other regions, the government said Friday.

Even though the number of housing permits issued rose 0.1 per cent last month, according to the Commerce Department's Census Bureau, "it was another signal of continual weakening in the housing market since early in the year," said David Seiders, an economist with the National Association of Home Builders.

The May decline was the fourth consecutive monthly downturn in privately owned housing starts, which fell a revised 5 per cent in April, 3.8 per cent in March and 12.7 per cent in February. It also was the first four-month decline since February to June 1987, when they dropped five straight months.

All figures were adjusted for seasonal variations. May's housing starts were at an annual rate of 1.31 million from 1.34 million in April, the bureau

said. It was the lowest level since starts were at a rate of 1.30 million in December 1982, just as the country was coming out of the most severe recession since the great depression.

"The decline in housing starts from April to May suggests that builders were not convinced that last month's drop in interest rates was more than temporary," said John Tuccillo, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors. But he predicted, "further interest rate declines in June will provide the evidence needed to bring the markets around."

In the first five months of 1989, starts declined 4.1 per cent from the same period of 1988 to an annual rate of 566,400 compared with 590,700 last year, the bureau said.

Starts of single-family houses in May fell 4.6 per cent to a rate of 980,000, down from 1,031 million in April. It was the lowest rate since 967,000 in August 1984. Starts of multi-family units in May rose 6.1 per cent.

Ministers to press G-7 on debt reduction

CARACAS, June 18, (Reuters). Finance ministers from Latin America's major debtor nations yesterday were drawing up a proposal to urge industrialised countries to support the Brady Plan for reducing the Third World's foreign debt.

The ministers from the so-called Group of Eight nations met in Caracas to prepare a document they will submit to the Group of Seven industrialised countries in Paris next month.

"We are ready to propose to the Group of Seven that they adopt concrete and rapid actions such as fiscal and banking regulations which help the (commercial) banks commit themselves to the debt reduction process," said Brazilian Finance Minister Malton Nobrega.

Speaking to reporters following a breakfast meeting with Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez, Nobrega said creditor nations should allow the banks to comply with the debt reduction plan proposed by US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady.

"Up to now the industrialised countries have not shown the desire to co-operate with fiscal regulations for the banks, so that they can take part in the debt reduction process," he said.

Nobrega, who acted as spokesman for the group, also said that while World Bank and International Monetary Fund officials support the Brady Plan, they were placing "impossible" conditions on countries who seek debt reduction.

The Brady Plan, announced in March, envisions a reduction of 20 per cent in developing nations debt, through pools of funds to be provided by the IMF and the World Bank.

British officials said the definition of insider trading and insider traders had been narrowed to meet British concerns that the ban would otherwise be too broad to be enforceable.

In the first instance, only people who traded on the basis of sensitive, unpublished information about a company with which they were closely associated would be considered offenders. It would also be illegal for them to tip the information to others.

Someone who traded with the help of privileged information that he knew came from such a "primary insider" would also commit an offence.

On the EMS, a spokesman for Thatcher said he did not expect the Spanish move to make any difference to Britain and repeated that sterling would join the mechanism "when the time is right."



Gorbachev gets gift

Raisa Gorbachev holds forward the gift given by the workers at the Hoesch steel mill to her husband, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, on Thursday. The machine, which displays the face of the Soviet leader, is a replica of a machine used to count votes in the Soviet parliament. (Reuters wirephoto)

KUWAIT										AMMAN										
BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE				ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	OPWG	CLSG								
-NATIONAL BANK	0.960	0.960	0.960	0.960	110000	6				ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	2.36	2.37								
-GULF BANK	0.355	0.355	0.355	0.355	190000	12				ARAB BANK	149.5	150.0								
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.260	0.265	0.265	0.265	650000	10				ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.58	4.54								
-AHLI BANK	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	10000	1				ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.90	1.92								
-B.K.M.E	0.330	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				ARAB INSURANCE	1.01	1.04								
-K.R.E.B.	0.330	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.75	0.71								
-BURGAN BANK	0.255	0.255	0.260	0.255	100000	4				ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.11	1.16								
-K.F.HOUSE	0.465	0.465	0.465	0.465	50000	4				ARAB INTER. HOTELS	1.33	1.33								
INVESTMENT SECTOR										ARAB JOR/INVST/BK	2.37	2.37								
-KWT INV. CO.	0.097	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				ARAB PAPER COM/TRA	0.38	0.39								
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	3.56	3.56								
-K.T.I.C.	0.066	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	1.72	1.81								
-CON.FACILITIES	0.410	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				ARAB POTASH CO.	-----	-----								
-AHILIAN INV.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65								
-I.F.A.	0.043	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				BANK OF JORDAN	15.30	15.35								
-INV. PEARL KWT	0.087	0.086	0.086	0.086	800000	3				BEIT AL-MAL/BEITNA	1.28	1.31								
-NATIONAL INV.	0.065	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				DARCO INSURANCE	1.00	0.95								
-KWT PROJECTS	0.081	0.081	0.081	0.081	40000	1				CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00	29.00								
INSURANCE SECTOR										CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25								
-KWT INSURANCE	0.560	0.570	0.570	0.570	40000	1				DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.38	0.40								
-GULF INSURANCE	0.320	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				DAR ALDAWA DV/INV.	2.71	2.78								
-AHLIA INS. CO.	0.480	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.80	0.84								
-WARBA INS. CO.	0.340	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	4.60	4.50								
REAL EST SECTOR										GARAGE OWNERS OFF	2.39	2.63								
-KWT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.130	140000	4				GENERAL INSURANCE	1.27	1.25								
-UNI R.E.S.T. CO.	0.050	0.051	0.051	0.051	100000	1				GENERAL INVESTMENT	2.10	2.10								
-NAT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.180	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				GENERAL MINING.	2.10	2.10								
-SALHIAH R.E.	0.080	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				HIMMEH MINERALS	0.75	0.75								
-KWT R.E.I.COM	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44								
INDUSTRY SECTOR										IND./MATCH JEMCO	0.95	1.00								
-NAT IND. CO.	0.500	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				INDSTRL DEVLPT BNK	1.70	1.70								
-KWT M.P. IND.	0.310	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				INDSTRL/COMH/AGR.	1.82	1.82								
-KWT CEMENT CO.	0.170	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75								
-REF. IND. CO.	0.360	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				INTERN. COM/INV	0.85	0.81								
-N.A.M.T.CO.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.13	0.13								
-GULF CABLE	0.980	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64								
-K.P.H. IND. CO.	0.166	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				ITERMED/PETRI/CH	2.19	2.19								
-CON.MARINE	0.300	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				J.TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80								
-K.S.H. REP. CO.	0.045	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29								
SERVICES SECTOR										JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.50	19.50								
-OVERLAND TRANS	0.082	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	2.24	2.26								
-K.N.C.C. CO.	0.180	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05								
-KWT HOTELS CO.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.50	1.50								
-P.WAREHOUSING	0.136	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22								
-COM.MKT.CMXP.	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.082	40000	1				JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.01	1.03								
-MOBILE TELE.	0.300	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	2.18								
-KWT COMPUTER	0.148	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.47	2.55								
FOOD SECTOR										JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20								
-LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.150	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.83								
-UNTO FISHERIES	0.150	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JOR LIW BRICK	0.18	0.18								
-UNTO POULTRY	0.230	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50								
-KWT FOODS	0.290	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JOR MAPAS	2.48	2.47								
-AGRI.FOOD PRD.	0.150	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JOR PAPER CARDBRDG	3.95	4.00								
NON-KWT SECTOR										JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.90	3.95								
-BHHN.INTER.BK	0.064	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JOR PIPES MANUFAC	2.33	2.33								
-BHHN.M.EAST.BK	0.047	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79	1.72								
-COAST INVEST.	0.082	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.25								
-A.G.INV.GROP.	0.031	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	1.15	1.16								
-FIRST.GULF BK	0.850	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JOR SECURIT CORP.	1.12	1.11								
-BHHN.KUW.GROP	0.078	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JOR SHELPO CHEM.	2.29	2.28								
-GULF MEDICAL.	0.033	0.033	0.033	0.033	129231	1				JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	2.78	2.87								
KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE										JOR WORSTED HAT	4.65	4.70								
COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET										JOR. KUWAIT AGR.	0.95	0.92								
-FINANCIAL SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE				JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.91	7.91								
-GULF INTL INS	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JOR.FRENCH INS.	5.45	5.45								
-ARAB INTL CO.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JOR.INV.FIN.CORP	2.48	2.50								
-SHARJAH INS	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JORDANAN GULF REAL	0.36	0.37								
-GULF UNION INS	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JORDAN DAIRY	1.11	1.15								
-R.K.WHIE CRMT	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JORDAN GULF BANK	0.94	0.95								
-AJMAN CEMENT	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JORDAN INSURANCE	3.50	3.51								
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR										JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	2.10	2.10								
-FUJAIRAH CENT	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.46	1.46								
-SHARJAH CENT	0.010	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----				JORDAN TANNING	1.96	1.96								
-GULF CEMENT	0.010	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----														

007 is back, rougher, tougher than ever

Bond loses licence to kill

By Anton Antonowicz

WE met round the corner from M15 headquarters in Mayfair.

"I'm here to see Bond — James Bond," I said.

The porter motioned towards the oak-paneled staircase. "Wait up there," he said.

I waited. A secretary appeared, with legs as long as a siphon. "Money?" I asked. She smiled a sphinx's smile. "Come," she said.

Another room. Another secretary. "Money?" I asked again. She gave a dark, lingering look. "He'll see you now."

I waited. The door was flung back. "Welcome," he said.

"Thought I'd be late. Was at a demo at the Rose Theatre in South London — the one they're trying to build on."

Bond? James Bond? Demos? He shrugged, flopping into a high-backed leather chair.

Dark blue open-necked shirt, blue jeans, blue shoes. He pulled a Silk Cut out of the packet.

This was Timothy Dalton, 43, black-haired, green-eyed, square-jawed ex-beau of actress Vanessa Redgrave.

His second 007 movie, Licence To Kill, has its premiere this month. Time has closely studied the character of Ian Fleming's hero — and he comes out a very different agent from dapper Roger Moore.

For this is the roughest, toughest bond film yet...

Forget the gentlemanly stuff. This time his "licence to kill" is revoked by his secret service boss, "M", as he goes on the run — set free to vent his anger and vengeance.

This Bond goes tielless, gets dirty. He bleeds.

Tim laughs: "Bleeding Bond. Yes. I'm pleased. He's a secret agent who is sometimes going to be beaten and have his clothes ripped."

That's the character. That's the man.

Tim ought to know. He knows Bond backwards. He has read all the books, seen all the films.

This Bond may still know how to mix a Martini, but Tim is one of nature's scruffs. Bow ties do not naturally tie the bows round his neck. He is also a serious actor who takes Bond seriously.

But isn't Bond just snobbery with violence, I ask. He pulls on his bag.

The books are playtime for adults, a fantasy for a grown-up audience," he replies. "Certainly Fleming paid great attention to detail — the food, the drink, the clothes."

But he also was adamant that the characters should have regional accents," he adds in his faintly Mancunian brogue.

"He wanted Bond to come across as hard-working, tough, efficient and at times ruthless. But not snobbish."

"His suit was made of serge, even though it was tailored in Savile Row. It's the cloth of a working man who has to do physical things but is tailored to look special and stylish."

That's the Bond for Tim. Back to the old style — away from the tongue-in-cheek fantasies of Roger Moore.

He says: "Roger did them splendidly, but my heart lies with the early films of Sean Connery."

Revenge

The latest movie came straight out of the news headlines — an adventure inspired by the arrest of a Bolivian drugs lord who was brought to the States for trial.

The dealer escapes and exacts revenge on Bond's old CIA chum Felix Leiter. James gets angry. Eventually he gets even.

The action switches from Mexico City to Acapulco, Key West in Florida and the Caribbean. All ideal spots, of course, for the usual dose of female glamour.

"Ah, yes, the Bond girls," says Tim, billowing smoke.

Films have got to be sold. But the main

girls were never meant to be bimbos. They were all tough, strong, interesting women."

Still, other things have changed. When Sean Connery played Bond for the first time, he was paid \$16,500. Tim's fee has launched him on the way to millionairehood.

"Life's been pretty good these past few years," he admits.

"Bond's a really special, popular job, but after it's finished there's other work to be done."

We talk about his old Toyota car and his semi in Chiswick while Connery plays golf in Marbella and Moore jet-sets round the world.

That's suburban Tim — more Basil Don Bond than international superstar. He laughs: "I enjoy myself."

"God knows, the money's important but it's the acting — I could never give it up or take it less seriously."

But his private life is padlocked. He says: "I don't actually say 'Sod off', but I am reticent."

Lovers

"When you talk about a life you have with your pals, or your lovers — those are moments built on trust, they're earned moments and they're precious."

He switches back to Bond. He did many of the stunts himself.

And he hurt himself twice — slamming himself across a slippery speedboat deck, then getting his watch-strap caught on a hook while he was twisting in midair from a conveyor belt.

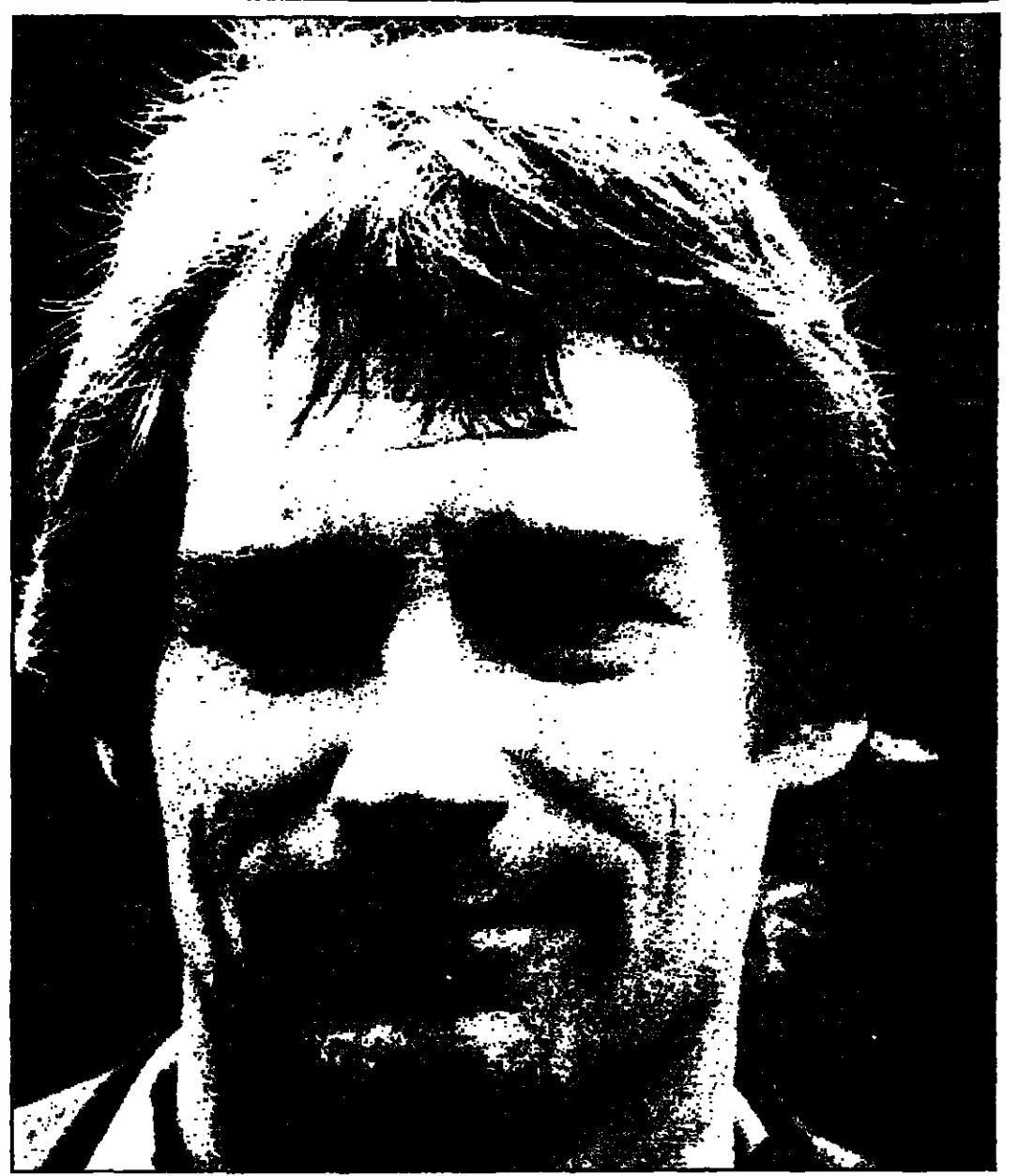
He roars with laughter at rumours that 007 could have been played by an American. "007 is a very British hero. Nothing else."

There was a time when he thought about living in America. But he says: "I love London. It's still the best city in the world for me."

"Tinsel Town? Hollywood? No. That doesn't appeal to me at all."

He rises to leave. Back to Chiswick and the Thames.

A very British bachelor Bond.



Timothy Dalton: James Bond the sixteenth

Clancy's 'Red October'

The Hunt For Red October, a movie version of Tom Clancy's best-selling submarine thriller, will co-star Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin and Sam Neill.

Production has already begun under the direction of John McTiernan, who directed Die Hard for producer Mace Neufeld, whose most recent film was No Way Out.

Neill plays Capt. Vasily Borodin, executive officer of the Soviet Union's most advanced nuclear submarine, while Connery will play the vessel's captain. Baldwin will be seen as the CIA operative dogging their course.

'Postcards' has all-star cast

Director Mike Nichols will begin photography this month on Postcards From The Edge, a movie version of Carrie Fisher's novel, starring Meryl Streep, Shirley MacLaine, Richard Dreyfuss, Dennis Quaid and Gene Hackman.

The film will be shot entirely in Los Angeles and is scheduled for release next year. The story deals with a mother-daughter relationship set in Hollywood, roughly based on Fisher's relationship with her mother, Debbie Reynolds.

Columbia Pictures president Dawn Steel said Nichols and Fisher had been working on the script for more than two years.

Quinn Vehicle

Anthony Quinn will star in the NBC movie The Old Man and The Sea, based on Ernest Hemingway's classic story of a Cuban fisherman's battle with a giant Marlin.

The drama was first brought to the screen in 1958 starring Spencer Tracy in the movie version of the Pulitzer prize winning 1952 novel.

Production on The Old Man and The Sea will begin June 26 on Tortola in the Virgin Islands with Judd Taylor directing from a Roger O. Hirsch script.

Quinn won academy Awards for his performances as best supporting actor in Viva Zapata and Lust for Life.

Comedy Combo

Two of Hollywood's top box-office attractions, Eddie Murphy and Richard Pryor, have joined forces to star in the comedy Harlem Nights for Paramount Pictures.

In addition to co-starring in the film, Murphy will make his directorial debut calling the shots for his own screenplay.

Also starring in the action-comedy are Redd Foxx, Danny Aiello, Della Reese, Stan Shaw and Arsenio Hall.

Film tackles touchy subject

By Vernon Scott

HOLLYWOOD, (UPI): French director Agnes Varda has made a film about love between a 14-year-old boy and a 40-year-old woman.

Now, wait. It's not a leering, exploitive movie. It's about loneliness, sensitivity, tenderness and the inexplicable bonding of generational misfits.

If the subject matter is a curious choice for a film, the title of the 80-minute drama, due for release in the United States this month, is even more so.

It's called *Kung Fu Master*.

The picture, of course, has nothing to do with the martial arts. The title comes from a video arcade game, which has metaphorical implications in the story.

Unlike *Harold and Maude*, a black comedy about a 20-year-old (Bud Cort) and a 79-year-old woman (Ruth Gordon), *Kung Fu Master* is free of cynicism and grim humour.

Varda, a short, dark-haired and peppery Frenchwoman of 63

has made a career of directing small, intense films about human foibles that touch the periphery of consciousness.

She is best remembered for *Vagabond*, a bag lady story that won awards in Europe four years ago.

When actress Jane Birkin brought Varda a short story she had written about the love between a boy and a woman, Varda wrote a screenplay, cast her 14-year-old son Mathieu as the boy, Birkin as the woman and Birkin's two daughters, Charlotte Gainsbourg and Lou Doillon, as her children.

Varda makes no attempt to justify the heroine's behaviour, much less judge her morality.

"This is not just a story of passion," she said. "It is a story of genuine love."

The boy is passionate about many things. He does not disrupt his life nor mar his youth by his relationship with the woman. It is his initiation into becoming his own person.

"I would not call the film daring because love is always daring in a way. It's a very important adventure in life," she said.

Varda attempted to weigh the difference in a union between a mature woman and a child and a similar situation between a man and a girl of 14.

For example, she said *Lolita* was a story of lust, which is very different from *Kung Fu Master*.

Lost

"A man of 40 in love with a young girl is trying to prove some macho point," she said. "When a woman is in love with a boy, she is looking for a lost emotion. She cannot find that sort of innocent love with a man."

She regresses emotionally to her own adolescence, which is not the case with an adult man and a girl. She wants to re-experience the innocence, the flirtation, the excitement and desire of her teens.

"When she falls in love with the boy in my film, I don't think she sees the danger."

Bad guys can be handsome too!

HOLLYWOOD, (UPI): In the past, movie audiences could usually tell the good guy from the bad guy by the contrast in their profiles as surely as the colour of their hats.

From Fairbanks and Flynn to Grant and Gable, matinee idols were invariably as good looking as their leading ladies.

A crooked nose, a scarred cheek, a menacing brow were the domain of the Hollywood heavy.

Today the relationship between cologne ad looks and good guy roles is muddled.

Newcomer Sean Kanan is one example.

Thirty or 40 years ago Kanan would almost automatically have been typecast as a hero solely on the basis of his appearance.

But Kanan, a 22-year-old native of Newcastle, Pa., is making his movie debut playing the villain in *The Karate Kid III*, doing what he does best, looking good and demonstrating his martial arts talents.

Although he comes from an affluent family and attended a private Eastern Prep School, the 6-foot, blond, tanned and blue-eyed actor more closely resembles a California surfer.

Throughout his youth he competed in karate tournaments and continues to study the art.

Two years ago he transferred from Boston

University to UCLA to put himself closer to the heart of show business. Long before *Karate Kid III* was even planned, Kanan began campaigning for a role of any kind in the picture.He had seen *The Karate Kid II* 22 times when he was a teenager and *The Karate Kid III* a half-dozen times. Ralph Macchio, the film's star, was his idol.

Last year he learned about a cattle call audition and stood in line with 1,000 other hopefuls.

"It was a thrill because for more than a year I followed up on any news I heard about *Karate Kid III*," Kanan said the other day. "I talked to anyone connected with the picture. I told my agent when I first came out here that I would do anything necessary to get a part in it."

"Actually, I thought maybe I could play one of the heavy's cohorts, a bit part."

When director John Avildsen walked the long line of prospects, he stopped at Kanan, impressed with the young man's demeanour and picked him out of the mob along with a dozen others.

"Then John made us improvise right out on the street," Kanan recalled. "We didn't even get to go inside the Burbank Studios."

"John said, 'OK, pretend I'm Ralph Macchio and you're trying to pick a fight with me.'"

solid food.

If you have trouble swallowing both liquids and solid foods, there may be a problem with the way your esophagus moves food into your stomach. If you have trouble swallowing solid foods only, there may be an obstruction of some kind, which may or may not be esophageal cancer.

For example, if you've had heartburn for many years, the acid that backed up into the esophagus may have caused changes that reduced the diameter of the esophagus and obstructs the passage of food. If the trouble with swallowing solid food comes and goes, you may have a condition called Schatzki's ring, where the last inch or so of the esophagus has narrowed.

Your doctor may ask you to have X-rays taken of your esophagus and stomach while you drink a barium solution. The barium will show how your esophagus acts when you swallow, and any obstruction can be seen clearly. Treatment for difficult swallowing depends on the diagnosis, but some cases can be treated simply by chewing food well before swallowing.

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Great market hype behind Batman film

US hit by wave of Batmania



Dynamic duo: Keaton and Kim Basinger and (right) Nicholson as the Joker.



Michael Keaton stars as the new look caped crusader, Batman.

By George Gordon

DEEP in the heart of Texas, nightclubs are throbbing to Batdance. And down on New York's waterfront, longshoremen are using Batcards to play old fashioned poker.

A week before the premiere of the long-awaited \$20 million film *Batman*, the United States is being swept by Batmania.

"Anything with a Batman logo is jumping off the shelves," reports Nancy Overfield, head of children's merchandising at J.C. Penney's store in New York.

A giant billboard of Batman dominates New York's Times Square and every day dozens of young men have their hair shaved into the pattern of a bat.

With tremendous hype and page adverts in the New York Times, Macy's, the self-proclaimed world's biggest store, is boasting a "commemorative collection of clever clothing for the Caped Crusader and The Joker that lurk within us all."

Hunger

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A week before the premiere of the long-awaited film *Batman*, the United States is being swept by Batmania. Anything with a Batman logo is selling like hot cakes, and it doesn't really matter whether the film is a hit or miss. The mere sale of licensed products is expected to generate eight times the movie cost within the first 12 months.

In fact, most major stores went along with the hype and started selling their Batwares as early as January. More than 1,000 in-store Batwear boutiques have opened, creating work for 1,000 actors who will stand in dressed as Batman.

Larry Meyer, president of T-shirts Plus, a Texas-based 175-store chain, said: "These shirts are flying out of the store. They are the best selling T-shirts we have had in years. By time the movie opens we will have sold \$6 million worth. The means we will have completed 80 per cent of our sales. Who cares if the critics slam it. They can't stop it. Everybody wants to see this movie."

Ever since the retail industry was caught flat-footed by Star Wars, it has been hungering for a Hollywood product that doesn't end when the customer pays his cash at the box office.

Arnold Bokla, of the Trade Publication Licensing Letter, still refers to it in terms of awe. "In 1977, the year Star Wars was produced, \$5 billion was generated from all types of licensing. That figure has grown to \$160 billion on 1988."

Campaign

They are the sort of mind-boggling figures more associated with the national debt, yet some experts predict that before you say "Kerrunch," *Batman* and *Joker* paraphernalia will be heading down the same road.What makes *Batman* different in marketing terms is that it is a known quantity. *Batman*, in fact, is a household word to almost every generation. He was launched as comic-book rival to Superman in 1939 and then swept onto television screens in the 1960s.

Children who once played with the first Batmobiles could now be buying them for their grandchildren. Pouring out from the production lines are Batwings, sunshades, earrings, backpacks, boxer shorts, action figures, beach towels, jackets, T-shirts, Batmasks, Batcups and Batcave food containers.

With all the excitement, a new American hero has emerged — Joe Desris, a 31-year-old advertising agency owner from Kenosha in Wisconsin who has been collecting *Batman* items since he first saw the Adam West TV series in the 1960s.Joe, who spends 40 hours a week on his collection of *Batman* comics, copies of the 1943 and 1949 film serials, movie posters, publicity material, puzzles and toys, is seeing his prices going sky-high. A 1964 *Batman* model kit cost \$39 then, and \$80-plus in its unopened box now. After the film opens, nobody can even guess the value.

The great market hype has been described as "one of the most extensive merchandising campaigns ever seen." Warner Brothers is tightly controlling the licensing and the timing. To stir interest many items such as T-shirts have been on sale for months. And these are even more products to hit the shops after the film's launch.

Warner Brothers says: "In a way this has been a test of the waters. I can only tell you that the omens are good... very good. Retailers are telling us that they can't remember when items moved so fast."

Fever

Meanwhile Prince is releasing his *Batdance* album and video. Six of the nine tracks are in the movie but the single *Batdance* is already a nightclub hit. And the best sound effect is The Joker's evil cackle.Gibson Greetings of Cincinnati is turning out thousands of *Batman* cards and says the real reason for *Batmania* is: "There's a return to good old fashioned values where the good guy always beats the bad guy."Batfever is hitting the cinemas. The opening may well break all records, but cinema managers wonder if it will have the staying power of *Ghostbusters* or *Indiana Jones*. Cinema chain owner Larry Gleason says: "The merchandising hype is giving it a terrific boost, but no one yet knows whether the kids will like it."Other managers report that fans are paying up to £4 for a cinema ticket only to leave after seeing the *Batman* trailers. That's dedication or "Pow, splat, zam" as *Batman* might say on the way to the bank.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

MEN CAN GET HOT FLASHES TOO

QUESTION: There are times when I know that I'm going through a change of life. I'm going through a change of life. I just laughs and says that men can't get hot flashes any more than they have babies. I maintain that men can get hot flashes, too. What do you say?

ANSWER: They most certainly can. In both men and women, hot flashes are caused by the decreased production of sex hormones. In women, hot flashes are controlled most often by the biological clock and begin when menopause sets in. In men, however, the biological clock does not play as much of a role. Hot flashes often occur in men who have had a testicle removed, usually because of cancer.

A report published in the Western Journal of Medicine said many men mistake the symptoms of hot flashes for those of heart attacks. The symptoms of hot flashes are intense sweating, heart palpitations, fainting spells and a flush on the face, neck and chest. These are the same symptoms that women get, but women experience hot flashes in greater numbers than men.

Typically men who experience hot flashes are middle-aged or older. Since this same

group of men has the highest risk of heart attack, doctors should ask possible heart attack victims if they've ever had a testicle removed or had any hernia operations, which also can lead to hot flashes. Such an inquiry at the initial stages of treatment could help prevent a possible misdiagnosis.

This may not be the cause of your episodes, but it seems to me that your experiences, while not as common as in women, may be experienced in modified forms by many men.

QUESTION: I have developed some difficulty in swallowing. I can't get the idea of cancer out of my mind. What are my chances that it is?

ANSWER: Yes, cancer of the esophagus can cause trouble in swallowing (called dysphagia), but there are also many non-cancerous causes. Risk of esophageal cancer is increased by heavy smoking and heavy use of alcohol. However, the only way to tell what is causing your problem is to see a physician who will ask questions about how long you've had trouble swallowing, whether the difficulty comes and goes, or whether you only have trouble swallowing

Non-white population grows to 2.5 million

Britain slowly adjusts to multi-culturalism

By Maria Balinska

LONDON: Only a few minutes' walk from London's financial district, the bowler-hat and umbrella heart of a white British preserve, is a school where you have to look long and hard for a white face.

Here, at the Mulberry School for Girls in London's East End, the local version of the British school uniform is a tunic and trousers to accommodate the Muslim precept that women's legs be covered. A conversation with the matronly and very British headmistress is punctuated by wafts of Asian music, cumin, and curry. Welcome to multicultural Britain, a reality that is challenging the educational establishment.

Only 50 years ago Britain was a fairly homogeneous, Anglo-Saxon society. But the prosperity of the postwar years and the crumbling of the British Empire brought a flood of Indians, Pakistanis, Africans, and West Indians into the country.

Since the 1970s, strict legislation has stopped further mass immigration, but the non-white population has grown to 2.5 million. Nationwide, nonwhites represent only 4 per cent of the population, yet their concentration in urban areas makes the question of educating a multicultural student body urgent.

One of the more voluble participants in this debate, Ray Honeyford, was dismissed from his job as headmaster in Bradford (a Yorkshire city where 25 per cent of the population is of Asian origin) when he refused to give Muslim children special treatment.

"What's important to me," Honeyford said in an interview, "is integration: We want a melting pot, not a tossed salad." The way a school integrates its children, according to Honeyford, is by "letting them know they're British. Which means emphasizing the English language, English tolerance, English institutions, and Christianity, which is part of the British legacy, whether we like it or not." Integration, he stresses,

is not assimilation, but ethnic heritage should be left at home. In Honeyford's opinion, a multicultural approach is counterproductive, because it makes children more aware of their differences.

Rejected

This attitude is rejected by the Commission for Racial Equality, a government body set up by the 1967 Race Relations Act. The commission has "gone beyond the tokenism of multiculturalism," in the words of its spokesman Andrew Dorn, to tackle head-on what it sees as the major problem facing multiracial schools—racism.

And racism, in the commission's view, doesn't just mean individual prejudices of teachers or children. It also means discrimination that is built into the system itself, or what is called institutional racism.

"No teacher will say this to you," says Valerie Davis, a black teacher now in charge of the Development Programme for Racial Equality in the London borough of Brent, "but blacks are labelled as under-achievers. At inner-city schools a lot of teachers buy comic books for their Friday afternoon math classes—they say the pupils will be tired. But they wouldn't dream of doing that in a middle-class school."

The existence of institutional racism was recognized by the 1985 Swann report, an official inquiry into the reasons for underachievement among West Indian pupils.

Today, most regional bureaucracies governing state schools—the Local Education Authority (LEA)—concur with the report's conclusions. Out of 110 authorities nationwide, about 70 have issued statements committing themselves to "anti-racism" policies. Teacher training colleges, too, are making anti-racism an integral part of their courses.

Still, according to Dr Jack Gundersen of the University of London's Centre for Multicultural Education, in rural areas, where the population is mostly white, many schools see no need to



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adopt a multicultural approach. And even in LEAs that have embraced anti-racism, what happens in the classroom varies considerably.

Take Burnage High School. Situated in a mixed-race, working-class area of Manchester, Burnage made national headlines in 1986 when a 13-year-old Asian schoolboy was stabbed to death by a white classmate. What a particularly shocked the teaching profession was that the school was known for its commitment to anti-

Asian girls queue up patiently and wait for the teacher in their very British uniforms at a comprehensive school in North London and (right) Asian women in a political protest in Southall, an immigrant area in London.

racism. The independent inquiry into the murder was a condemnation of how not to apply anti-racism. "Moral anti-

racism... based on the assumption that all white students are to be seen as racists... led to a polarization between

black and white students." What this dogmatic anti-white version of anti-racism meant in practice was that the



A scene from the much-acclaimed My Beautiful Laundrette, a film about British Asians.

community education department in a school where two-thirds of the student body was white was uniquely directed to Afro-Caribbean and Asian parents and children.

The authors of the report, all well-respected specialists in the race-relations field, made clear that they were not criticizing anti-racism per se, only Burnage's interpretation. But the report provided ready ammunition in what the commission has called "the smear campaign" against the whole idea of anti-racist education.

The point is, as the Burnage report emphasized, many whites resent what they see as the special treatment being received by non-whites. Recognizing this failure in communication, the commission is planning a public relations counterattack that will replace "anti-racism" with a term like "fair education" to tell people "what we are for, not what we are against."

Oblivious

At the Mulberry School, headmistress Daphne Gould is oblivious to semantics. For her it's all very simple. "Anti-racism is a full education. Part of your duty is to educate students to challenge received opinion." She dismisses the notion that talking about racism will create it: "If you stand by, then you're condoning it. An extreme example of that is what happened in Nazi Germany."

Gould oversees a student body where whites, at 15 per cent, are a minority among children of Bangladeshi origin.

An anti-racist approach here means, among other things, making sure white students are not on their own in the classroom.

"Bangladeshis and West Indians are also guilty of racism," she says. "Just the other day some of the Bangladeshi girls told a group of white girls that they ought to go to their own school—I went berserk." But this is an exception. In place at the Mulberry School for over 10 years, multiculturalism and anti-racism permeate the curriculum, and teachers must show a commitment to this approach before joining the staff.

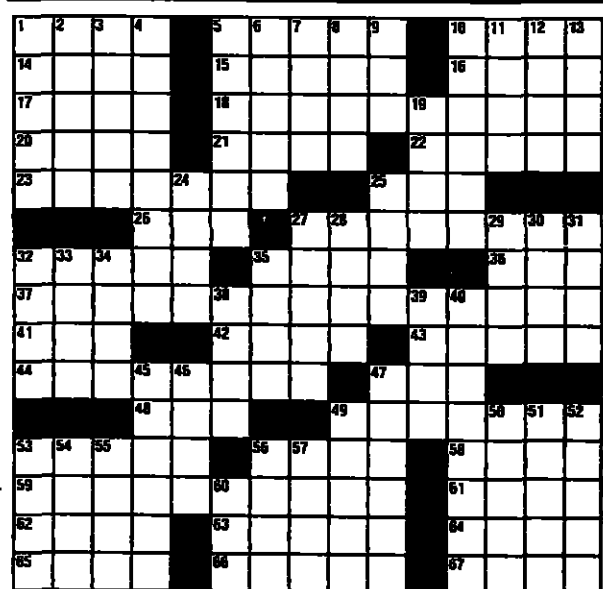
Prejudice

A book like "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is used to look at prejudice; history lessons look at the plight of slaves as well as at the expansion of the British Empire; all religious festivals are acknowledged; and math exercises are not just with John and Jane, but with Hanif and Aruna, too.

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Britain's ethnic minorities may not be English, but they are British, and they are here to stay. 1989, The Christian Science Monitor.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

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seemingly unstoppable shots, only

to have the puck trickle slowly be-

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slip away.

We like North's decision to raise

to three spades. When partner opens

with a demand bid, three trumps to

an honor and 1 1/2 quick tricks are

more than ample for a raise. That led to an excellent small slam reached with a minimum of fuss.

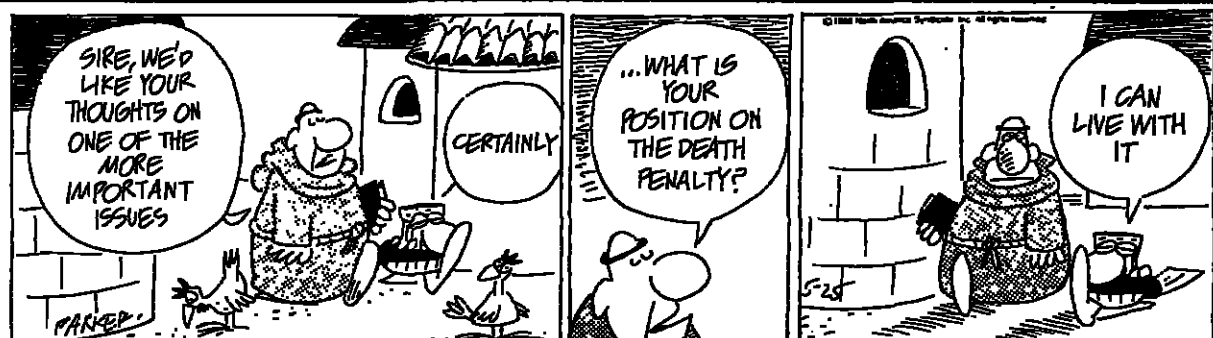
Declarer won the diamond in hand and, bearing in mind the desirability of leading up to honors by first playing toward the short trump hand, led a spade to the jack. When East showed out, declarer had no way to avoid losing two trump tricks to West—down one.

Declarer was guilty of fast fingers—he should have taken time to study the hand before playing to the second trick. If trumps are 3-1, the hand is a virtual claimer; only wild distribution could defeat the slam. Realistically, declarer should have concentrated on a 4-0 break as the most likely threat to his contract.

The spade spots are such that South can handle even that distribution. To the second trick he should lead the king of trumps from hand. If West shows out, declarer can take the marked finesse against East's ten. (If East holds up, declarer continues with a trump to the jack, and can enter dummy with the ace of clubs to take the trump finesse.) If West turns up with all the trumps, declarer continues by finessing the eight, and again the defenders are held to one trump trick.

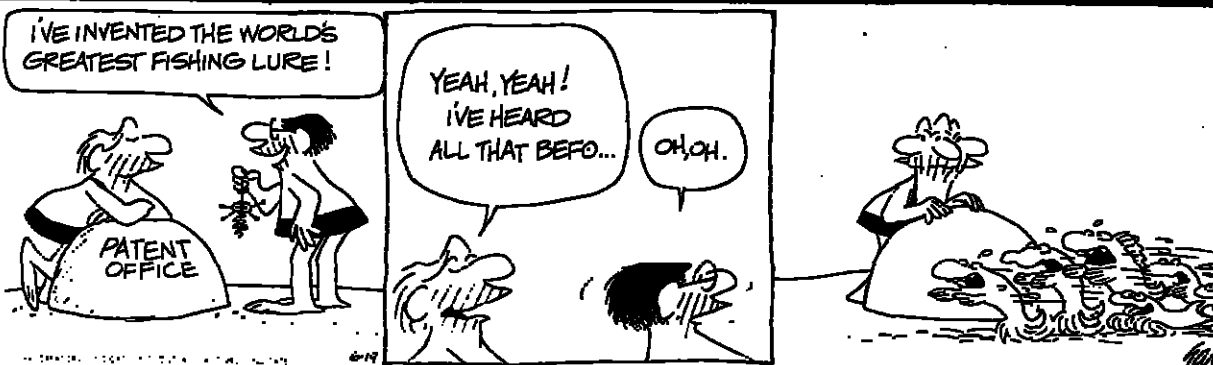
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

No good becoming frustrated because you are persistently doing something wrong; just try hard to get it right. You should fully appreciate your good luck instead of taking it for granted. Do not put your head that risk. Be sincere.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Something that has been making you angry will no longer matter to you. The Moon's better influence will help you to be more practical. Nip a family quarrel in the bud. Be wary.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You should keep your objectives clearly in mind. Remember that you can learn only by practice, but knowing the theory will help too. Your lucky numbers are 4 and 26. Do not rely on others to do things for you. Be resolute.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should try to apply a little more discipline instead of just letting yourself go. Avoid acting on the spur of the moment. Do not ask for more than you know well you are entitled to. Be responsive.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You must keep your wits very much about you. You should try to maintain a steady working rhythm. Do not neglect your affections and do not let yourself be governed by your emotions. Be tolerant.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will be a little confused but you will soon be able to sort things out. Avoid spending in the expectation of some good luck, wait until it happens. Have a little more faith in yourself. Be less ambiguous.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

Your enthusiasm will tend to flag and you should do all you can to rekindle it. Do not permit yourself to become discouraged by some small setback. Something you had expected will not now happen. Be tactful.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will be able to make progress with a project that is important to you. Mars' influence will help you to be as patient as the situation requires you to be. Allow for an expense you hope to avoid but may not be able to.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

The Moon's better influence will help you to carry out your intentions. Make sure you get enough regular exercise. A personal matter will give you some cause for concern, but will be resolved.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)

The Moon's better influence will help you to be more inventive. You are more liable to be distracted and should make an effort to concentrate. There is no time to waste. Be fair.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You are more liable to make mistakes and should be on the lookout for them. You should not jump to conclusions and you should make sure your facts are correct. Do not chase moonbeams, stay with what is practical. Be realistic.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will be proved right but should not boast about it. Avoid finding fault with others, you too are not perfect. And do not think others will always behave as you would wish them to. Be amenable.

ARAB TIMES Classifieds

ACCOMMODATION

For Rent

WISHRIEF, European style single storey split level 4 bedroom villa with a garden, garage and basement. Rent KD 650. Tele. 5744017 (AT1-47908-3)

Available

FAHAHEEL, Dabbous Area. Accommodation for one bachelor with another bachelor to share with a Goan family. Tele. 2404620/622. 9 am - 7 pm, any day except Thursday and Friday. (AT2-47943-3)

NUGRA, Khaldun Street, one furnished independent room with AC and tele. facilities for one or two bachelors with an Indian family. Rent KD80. Tele. Mr Oberoi, Res. 2644645, Off. 4740801. (AT2-47941-3)

MAIDAN Hawalli behind the petrol pump, Mousa Abdul Razak Street. One room for bachelors/couples or spinsters to share with a family. Rent KD 60. Tele. Philip. 4846743. 8 am - 7 pm. (AT3-47855-3)

SALMIYA, Amman Street, Opp. Al Rashid Clinic. One room with tele. facilities for one or two bachelors to share with an Indian family. Rent KD 60. Tele. 5627309 after 3 pm. (AT3-47951-3)

FOR RENT

Villas, half villas, flats, complete buildings, offices in all areas in Kuwait with or without swimming pool

Qatar Real Estate
Tel. 2406592,
2406593

KUWAIT city, behind the Sharq Tower. One room in a two bedroom CAC flat for a bachelor/bachelors from 1st July. Tele. 2409562. 3-9 pm. (AT3-47953-2)

FOR SALE

Computers

IBM original, portable P/C built in monitor 64K - multi function board colour card, KD 300. Tele. Eve. 5332768. (AT3-47957-2)

Cars

AUDI 200 Turbo 1984 AC, automatic, white with special cloth and leather seats. Full Audi garage service history available in excellent condition. KD 2,700 ono cash. Tele. 5382654. 3-8 pm. (AT1-47877-3)

TOYOTA Cressida/DX 1981, AC, automatic, blue, in good condition, KD. 650. Tele. 3910834. (AT3-47949-3)

LADA Niva 87 model, 4 wheel drive, 1st registered in Sept '88, white, 5 speed, AC, 59,000 kms only, in showroom condition. KD900, cash. Tele. 5631156, after 5.30 pm. (AT2-47932-3)

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NEW Chevrolet/Corsica LTZ 1989, black metallic, grey interior, full option. Tele. Mr Adnan, 4836100 ext. 4336. 8 am - 4.30 pm. 2510929 after 5 pm. (AT3-47946-3)

REQUIRED DRIVERS

with public licence to work in "CALL TAXI". Must speak Arabic and English and have transferable residence. Tel. 5323423

FIAT 132, 1980, 2000cc, 5 speed manual, blue, insured up to Jan. 1990, in good condition. Owner leaving Kuwait KD 350 cash. Tele. Mr Brain, 5721077 ext 24, after 2 pm. (AT3-47945-3)

BUICK Century 1980, 4 doors, automatic, low mileage, very good allround condition. KD600. Tele. 5717652, after 5 pm. (AT2-47944-3)

NISSAN Cherry 1984 white, automatic, AC, power steering, 90,000 kms, good condition, serviced regularly. KD450 ono cash. Tele. P. Flower, 5629215, day time only 8 am - 4 pm. (AT2-47939-3)

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TUITION

Strong, stretched & centered — become healthy & fit, relieve stress, lose weight — private training by Austrian aerobics teacher (American certification). 2467920, 8-2, 2561788 evening. (AT2-47932-3)

WANTED

Experienced Carpenters Only Philippine nationals, need apply. Write to P.O. Box 4744, 13048, Safat, Kuwait or Tel. 4813065/4841485. Timing: 8 am to 12 noon & 4 to 8 pm. (AT2-47931-3)

WANTED

An experienced counter salesgirl preferably Indian/Philippine, in handling ready-made children's and ladies' garments, with transferable residence permit No. 18. Must speak Arabic and English fluently. For interview. Tel. 4760521

WANTED A qualified Beautician

For employment. Salary according to experience. Please call 5331320 from 1 to 3 pm and after 9 pm.

TOYOTA Corolla model '80, AC, automatic, brown colour, 4 doors, insured up to Feb. 1990, in excellent condition. Owner leaving KD. 400, cash. Tele. 5381001 ext 119. 8.30 am - 5 pm. (AT3-47954-3)

CHEVROLET Spectrum 1986, middle size AC, automatic, metallic dark blue, 46,000 kms, 4 doors in excellent condition. KD1,300. Tele. 2652252. (AT2-47938-3)

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SPORTS

Lendl fights back to beat 5. African for singles title

WIMBLEDON, June 18, (UPI) — Top-seeded Czechoslovak Ivan Lendl discovered his rhythm after a shaky first set and stormed back against South African Christo van Rensburg to win his first-ever singles title on grass with a victory at the \$385,000 Stella Artois Grass Court Championships.

The world No. 1 finally tamed the personal demon which has plagued a tennis career boasting titles in every Grand Slam save Wimbledon as he powered through to stop the eighth-seeded South African 4-6, 6-3.

"This is a great trophy, there are a lot of great players' names in it," a smiling Lendl said as he held the Cup aloft.

"I'm very pleased, this gives me confidence for Wimbledon, but if I had to choose, I'd choose to win on grass in three weeks time (Wimbledon final)."

Lendl, a title-winner in doubles two years ago in Australia in the fast, serve-and-volley service, got off slowly as his serve was broken in the opening game with temperatures soaring near 28 degrees (82 F) mark on Centre Court at Queens Club.

Van Rensburg, his powerful first serve working to perfection, in to a 2-0 lead from a love game and repeated the feat for 3-1 with two aces in the fourth game.

Lendl began slowly curing some of the volleying errors which were plaguing him and broke to level at 4-4, despite double-faulting on first point and complaining about murmurs from the television booths high above the court.

Van Rensburg, playing in his third career final, broke back for a 5-4 lead, but his only winning shot in three matches against Lendl as he tamped a shot over at the net to go 6-4.

The second set went with serve and Lendl came through in the fifth game with a break for 5-3.

The US-based Czechoslovak led for 6-3 and made it 1-1.

Lendl, winner of seven Grand Slam events, moved toward his 11th career title—second only to American Jimmy Connors with 17—by winning the first two of the conclusive set, as he won the 35th world-ranked Van Rensburg broke back for 2-2 as a seagull slammed the ball to the grass after the setback.

The South African sealed his ace as he gave Lendl advantage through a double fault, then lost love for 3-4 on a careless forehand error.

Navratilova wins

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 18, (UPI) — World number one Martina Navratilova of the United States defeated compatriot Zina Garrison in the final of the \$150,000 Dow Classic women's Grass Court Tennis championship this evening to take the title.

Navratilova won the match 7-5, 6-3 and received \$25,500 for her victory while Garrison earned \$12,750.

McEnroe triumphs

DUNBURG, June 18, (UPI) — John McEnroe beat fellow-American Jimmy Connors 7-6 (7-2) 7-6 (7-4) in the final of the Scottish Grasscourt Tennis Championship today.

Australia edge Netherlands for Champions Trophy

WEST BERLIN, June 18, (Reuters) — Australia scored twice in two minutes to win the Champions Trophy men's hockey tournament today by beating the Netherlands 2-1.

Neil Hawgood and Graham Reid scored in the 20th and 22nd minutes and the current World Cup holders held on for a record fourth title.

Floris-Jan Bovelandt replied in the 31st minute for the Dutch, who repeated

the silver medal performance of their last appearance in the Champions Trophy in 1987.

Australia, winners from 1983 to 1985, finished with nine of a possible 10 points, one more than the Dutch.

Australia played a clever tactical game, always forcing the Dutch to stay wide in attack.

Starting aggressively as usual, Australia could have taken an earlier lead

before left-winger Hawgood put them ahead in the 20th minute.

He chased a through ball by Warren Birmingham, Australia's star centre half, squeezed it past Dutch goalkeeper Frank Leistra and from a sitting position tapped it over the line.

The Dutch then lost the ball to the Australians before they could settle down. Australia's David Wansborough slipped it forward to Mark Hager who

went to the by-line and pulled it back for inside-left Reid to score the second goal.

Nine minutes later Bovelandt put the Dutch back in the game, powerfully flicking a penalty corner just under the Australian crossbar.

The Dutch worked desperately hard on a hot afternoon to create openings against Australia's fine defense. But it became increasingly obvious penalty corners would be their sole chance of

getting the draw they needed to finish in first place.

Bovelandt had scored from their second penalty corner and they had two more which Australia successfully defended.

Hosts West Germany took the bronze medal after beating Pakistan 4-1 in a match for third place. The Germans were four ahead before Pakistan got their consolation goal.

Kite shoots 69 for US Open lead

Simpson alone in second place

ROCHESTER, N.Y., June 18, (Reuters) — Tom Kite putted brilliantly to overcome a slow start and then held on gamely to take a one-stroke lead after the rain-delayed third round of the US Open golf championship yesterday.

Kite, the US Tour's leading money winner this year, bogeyed two early holes but found his putting touch after ramming home a 50-footer at the ninth on his way to a one-under-par 69 that put him at five under for the tournament.

Scott Simpson, the 1987 Open champion, also finished strong to shoot 69 for second place at four-under 206 as only eight players bettered par on an Oak Hill east course toughened up after two days of easy scoring.

Tormenting overnight rains flooded the already waterlogged course and delayed the start of the rounds by four hours.

The tension-filled round was further dragged out by deliberate play and rulings on casual water, drops and questionable lies. The leading golfers took nearly five-and-a-half hours to tour the



Kite comes out of a sand trap on the 2nd green. (Reuters wirephoto)

6,902-yard layout.

Defending champion Curtis Strange, who began the day with a one-stroke lead after a course record-equaling 64, struggled in with a 73 to fall three shots back.

"I'm very pleased to get away with a 69 under these conditions. I felt the golf course played very difficult," said Kite, who is

shooting for his first major title.

"I got off to a bad start and missed a couple of short putts—then suddenly I made a no-brainer on nine and the rest of the way was relatively easy for me."

Swirling winds, treacherous rough and testing pin placements kept scoring in check after two days in which players took



Water being cleared off the course before the third round. (Reuters wirephoto)

advantage of the still air and softened ground to better par.

"The rain during the night made it more difficult," Simpson said after putting himself in position for a run at a second Open title. "The wind more than anything."

Four shots back at 209 were 1983 Open champion Larry Nel-

son and Jumbo Ozaki of Japan, who both shot 68, and journeyman Jay Don Blake, who finished at two-over 72 after storming into sole possession of the lead midway through the round.

Tom Pernice, after a 68, and Mark McCumber, who carded a 72, were the only other players to at least match par at 210.

Boutsen wins Canadian Grand Prix

MONTREAL, June 18, (Reuters) — Belgian Thierry Boutsen survived nightmarish conditions today to win the Canadian Grand Prix motor race in drenching rain.

Boutsen's first career Formula One victory came at the expense of Brazilian world champion Ayrton Senna who looked assured of his fourth win of the season when his McLaren's Honda engine began smoking on the 67th lap of the 69-lap race.

Boutsen drove courageously in torrential rain that drenched the circuit Gilles Villeneuve and passed Williams teammate, Riccardo Patrese, on the 63rd lap.

"Every lap was crash or win. I pushed the car for the whole race," said Boutsen, who

survived a 360-degree spin midway through the race.

Patrese, who held the lead for much of the race, recorded his third successive second place finish.

The Italian veteran of a record 182 Grands Prix said late problems with his Williams cost him the victory.

"I tried my best to keep Thierry behind, but something went loose on the back of my car," said Patrese, who considered himself lucky to finish.

Every driver who finished earned championship points as only six drivers were still on the track after Senna's McLaren stopped with smoke billowing from the engine.



Senna winks as he sits in his car prior to the final practice on Saturday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Denmark overwhelm Brazil

COPENHAGEN, June 18, (Reuters) — Danish libero Morten Olsen marked his 102nd and final soccer international by scoring from a penalty to set up his country's 4-0 trouncing of Brazil in a triangular soccer tournament today.

Olsen's 30th minute opening goal gave an added dimension to his emotional farewell as Denmark, fired by the dash and drive of strikers Michael Laudrup and Flemming Povlsen, overwhelmed an under-strength Brazilian side.

The 39-year-old Olsen, ending an international career spanning 19 years, received a standing ovation from the packed stadium before and after the match.

Olsen scored from the spot after the Brazilian keeper tripped Brian Laudrup.

Brazil, not much more effective than when they

lost 2-1 to Sweden on Friday, were rocked by a double strike from Michael Laudrup in the second half.

In the 54th minute Laudrup dribbled through the defense and, after a flurry of goalmouth passes, slotted home his first goal.

Eight minutes later Laudrup scored again in a brilliant combination with Povlsen, who beat the defense and flicked a high cross for Laudrup to head effortlessly home.

The Danes completed their tally with a brilliant move started by Michael Laudrup and continued by substitute Henrik Larsen, who passed for fellow defender Lars Olsen to drive in the fourth goal after 67 minutes.

Brazil continued to attack in the closing minutes and went close on several occasions.

US outlast Guatemala in Cup qualifier

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., June 18, (Reuters) — The United States beat Guatemala 2-1 yesterday in a hard-fought Concacaf group World Cup soccer qualifying game to boost their chances of qualifying for next year's finals in Italy.

The win gave the United States five points from four games, two behind Costa Rica who have played two games more.

Guatemala and Trinidad/Tobago each have two points while El Salvador has yet to play in the group from which two teams will advance.

Bruce Murray opened the scoring for the United States in the second minute before a crowd of 10,561 with a crashing right foot volley from a cross by John Harkes.

Guatemala drew level after 21 minutes when Raul Chacon took advantage of one of several US defensive lapses to stroke the ball in off the far post from the right wing after approach work by Byron Perez and Juan Funes.

Eric Eichmann prodded the winner into the net in the 67th minute after Steve Trittschuh outjumped the goalkeeper to nod the ball forward.

The game was marred by some brutal tackling, in particular by Guatemala who saw Funes get a red card in the 87th minute for punching a US player in the head. Victor Hugo Monzon (8 minutes) and Funes (48 minutes) both got yellow cards while Eichmann received one for the United States after 75 minutes.

Japan stay top

KOBE, Japan, June 18, (Reuters) — Japan fought to a scoreless draw with Hong Kong today to retain their lead in the World Cup soccer East Asia Group Six qualifying section.

But their lack of speed against Hong Kong at the Kobe University stadium indicated that Japan could be in trouble when they face North Korea in Pyongyang next Sunday.

Japan have seven points from five matches with just next week's match remaining.

Sulayem set for big challenge in Turkey

MAKING his second European Championship appearance of the year at the wheel of his Winston Toyota Celica GT-4, Mohammed bin Sulayem will take part in the Gunaydin International Rally in Turkey from June 30 to July 1.

Accompanied by Irish co-driver, Ronan Morgan, the Middle East champion will be returning to a country where his reputation as a skilled and fearless competitor is already well established.

In 1986, Sulayem led the rally at the end of the first day after a brilliant performance, only to have his surge towards victory halted when broken suspension dropped him to fourth position.

Last year, the UAE star produced another splendid drive to finish second in Turkey, forcing his way back into contention after a mechanical problem had delayed him on the first day.

Sulayem is eager to wipe out his disappointment from last month's European Championship Saturnus Rally in Yugoslavia where his challenge was ended by a broken clutch. At the time the Winston Toyota was making excellent progress among the leading cars, with more than 100 other competitors trailing behind the Arab world's No. 1 driver.

Among his main rivals in a truly international field in Turkey will be Finnish drivers

Tommi Makkinen in a Lancia Delta and Jare Trevenen in a Peugeot 205 GTI, Hungary's Tamas Havasi in another Lancia, and Frenchman Jean Ragnotti and West German Michael Abendroth, both at the wheel of turbo-powered Renaults.

A starting line-up of around 70 drivers will also include entries from Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Sweden, Switzerland, the US and Yugoslavia, along with a strong Turkish contingent headed by national champion Emre Yurici in another Lancia Delta.

Bin Sulayem



Andretti takes GP pole position



DETROIT, June 18, (AP) — Michael Andretti struggled with a balky engine, but still had the fastest lap of the weekend yesterday and won the pole position for today's Detroit Grand Prix Indy-car race.

Andretti vaulted past provisional pole winner Emerson Fittipaldi before the engine in his Chevrolet-powered Lola stopped, leaving him stranded with about half the 30 minute qualifying session remaining.

Andretti said his problem may have been electrical.

The second generation Indy-car star clipped nearly a full second from his previous best lap time on the twisting 2.5-mile (4-kilometre), 17-turn circuit through the streets of downtown Detroit. He jumped from 1 minute, 42.679 seconds, and average of 87.652 mph (141.058 kmph), Friday to 1:41.681 and 88.512 mph (142.442 kmph) yesterday.

Andretti's fast lap was just shy of the track record of 1:40.606, 89.458 mph (143.965 kmph), set by Ayrton Senna of Brazil last June in the last of seven Formula One races here.

The debut of the Indy-cars at Detroit produced the slowest pole-winning speed in the 11 years that CART has been sanctioning races. The previous slowest was 90.261 mph (145.257 kmph) by Danny Sullivan in the 1988 Long Beach Grand Prix.

The Indy cars are heavier and their restricted engines produce less horsepower than the For-

mula One cars previously run at Detroit.

Fittipaldi improved from Friday's fast lap of 1:42.631, 87.693 mph (141.124 kmph) to 1:42.297, 87.979 mph (141.584 kmph), but Unser, who has won the last five Indy-car events on street circuits, also got past the Brazilian racing star to take second on the 28-car grid for today's race.

Unser, the series points leader, was clocked at 1:42.124, 88.128 mph (141.824 kmph).

Mario Andretti, Michael's father, remained fourth, followed by Indy rookie Scott Pruett, Bobby Rahal, Danny Sullivan and Teo Fabi of Italy.

The younger Andretti now has won seven poles, five on oval tracks. This is his first pole victory since June of 1988 on the one-mile oval at Milwaukee.

Roberto Guerrero of Colombia, debuting the new Alfa Romeo-powered March, had a rough second day, slipping from 17th to 23rd after failing to improve on his first-day lap.

Guerrero was slowed after he banged one of the concrete barriers lining the tight circuit.

Scott Brayton, who qualified 24th, was disqualified following the final session when a technical inspection revealed his 1989 Lola was too long. The team had changed from a Cosworth engine to a Buick V6 before the qualifying session and the engine reportedly protruded too much.

Gower fit for 2nd Test

LONDON, June 18, (Reuters) — England captain David Gower has been cleared to play in the second Test against Australia at Lord's starting on Thursday after hospital treatment for his damaged right shoulder.

Gower was due to undergo an exploratory operation this week-end on the shoulder that has troubled him for seven years, but was given a cortisone injection and is to have physiotherapy after leaving hospital today.

"The injection was to relieve

inflammation around the joint," said Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) spokesman Peter Smith.

"David's shoulder is quite naturally still sore, but as far as the consultant is concerned, there is nothing to stop him from playing on Thursday."

"He did not have a manipulative operation because the recovery from that would have taken longer. But he will continue to have physiotherapy for the rest of this summer."

Lancashire suffer late slump

LONDON, June 18, (Reuters) — Lancashire were reduced to 11 for four at the end of a dramatic final session against lowly Glamorgan in the English County Cricket Championship yesterday.

Steve Watkins and Simon Dennis sent back Graeme Fowler, Gahan Mendis, David Hughes and Neil Fairbrother after Glamorgan themselves had collapsed.

They went past 200 for the loss of two wickets after Alan Butcher (68) and Hugh Morris (69) had laid the foundations for a big score, but then Wasim Akram stepped in with five for 45 restrict them to 297 for nine on the opening day of their three-day match.

Fifth-placed Lancashire were hoping to make ground on leaders Northamptonshire who were playing the Australians.

Second placed Essex spent the day in the field as Leicestershire reached 377 for eight, ex-England batsman James Whitaker striking an impressive 138 which included 24 fours.

Fourth-placed Middlesex also had to field for much of the day but they did manage to bowl Surrey out for 226, replying with 20 for one in nine overs.

Kent enjoyed the sunshine, racing to 459 for three against Somerset. Mark Benson made 157 and Trevor Ward a maiden century. He finished unbeaten on 101 after putting on 111 in the last 13 overs with his captain Chris Cowdrey, who hit 40 not out.

West Indian Courtney Walsh carried a weakened Gloucestershire attack against Yorkshire at Harrogate, taking five for 86 as the home side were dismissed for a modest 220 after winning the toss. Bottom-of-the-table Gloucester closed on 74 for one.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Pakistan triumph

ISLAMABAD, June 18, (Reuters) — Pakistan completed a 5-0 sweep of Bangladesh in their Davis Cup Asia-Oceania Zone Group Two semifinal by winning both reverse singles today. Results: Usman Rahim beat Faisal Rehman 6-4 6-1 6-1, Hameedul Haq beat Shovon Jamali 6-1 6-1 6-1.

Sanchez wins

BOLOGNA, Italy, June 18, (Reuters) — Javier Sanchez of Spain, seeded sixth won the Bologna Grand Prix tennis tournament today beating unseeded Franco Davin of Argentina 6-1 6-0.

European tennis

ROSMALLEN, Netherlands, June 18, (Reuters) — Miloslav Meier of Czechoslovakia won the European Grasscourt Tennis Championship today when he beat Slobodan Zivoginovic of Yugoslavia 6-4 6-4 in the final.

Davis Cup

BANGKOK, June 18, (Reuters) — Thailand beat Sri Lanka 5-0 in their Davis Cup Asia-Oceania Zone Group Two semifinal by winning the two reverse singles today. Both matches were reduced to best-of-three sets.

Soviet star

UMEA, Sweden, June 18, (Reuters) — Soviet star Anatoly Starostin has made a dazzling comeback from a 30-month doping suspension and is favoured to win the individual title at the European Modern Pentathlon Championship tomorrow.

Rusty Wallace

LONG POND, Pennsylvania, June 18, (UPI) — Pole-sitter Rusty Wallace could walk away with an extra \$150,000 by winning today's NASCAR Miller High Life 500-mile (800 km) race at Pocono International Raceway.

Entry draft

MINNEAPOLIS, June 18, (Reuters) — Mats Sundin of Sweden yesterday became the first European hockey player ever chosen first overall in the National Hockey League's entry draft.

Appeal overturned

MONTREAL, June 18, (Reuters) — The appeal that overturned the San Marino disqualification of Belgian Thierry Boutsen and Italian Alex Caffi has been ruled invalid, the International Motor Sports Federation (FISA) announced yesterday.

National title

EAST BERLIN, June 18, (Reuters) — Olympic 200 metres medalist champion Daniela Hunger retained her national title at the East German championships in Magdeburg yesterday, surging to victory in a respectable two minutes 13.69.

Matuszak dies

BURBANK, California, June 18, (UPI) — John Matuszak, the hulking defensive lineman of the Oakland and Los Angeles Raiders whose rowdy off-field capers nearly equalled his tremendous talent on the field, died last night of undisclosed causes, hospital officials said. He was 38.

IBF champion

JAKARTA, Indonesia, June 18, (AP) — Nico Thomas of Indonesia outpointed Samuth Sithanarupol of Thailand to win the new International Boxing Federation straw-weight champion yesterday.

Cycling race

BAD ZURZACH, Switzerland, June 18, (AP) — Switzerland's Arno Kuettel won the fourth leg of the Tour of Switzerland cycling race yesterday as compatriot Stephan Joho kept the overall leader's jersey for a second straight day.

Plaziat ahead

GUETSIS, Austria, June 18, (AP) — Frenchman Christian Plaziat led the field in the men's competition after the first day's competition in the 15th International decathlon-heptathlon meeting in the west of Austria. Anke Behmer of East Germany was ahead in the women's heptathlon.

Tennis semifinal

NAIROBI, June 18, (Reuters) — Morocco completed a 5-0 win over Kenya in their Davis Cup Africa Zone Group Two tennis semifinal here today.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Hubara Centre Bridge game played on Saturday.

N/S: 1. Nahit Akel & Narendra Shah; 2. Dr. Oskay & Shanti; 3. Jamila Akel & Nabil Akel.

E/W: 1. Mrs Sapre & Chaudhry; 2. Tiab & Ibrahim; 3. Najarith & Javahne.



Wasim Akram

Draw keeps Karpov in top place

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, June 18. (AP): Former world champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union settled for an uneventful draw with black against Dutch grandmaster John van der Wiel in twelfth-round action to maintain his lead in the fifth World Cup chess tournament yesterday.

While runners-up Jan Timman of the Netherlands and John Nunn of Britain were at each other's throats in a tense duel a few boards away Karpov stopped the clock at his 28th in a Ruy Lopez to accept Van der Wiel's peace offer after barely two hours of play.

The result could have been reached ten moves and one hour earlier, when a repetition of moves had brought the same position onto the board three times, but neither Karpov nor Van der Wiel claimed the regulatory draw.

"I was gaining time on the clock," Van der Wiel explained later. "I knew Karpov would not claim the draw. He never does."

Even so, Van der Wiel was unable to upset the balance and rather than push his luck against the former world champion he proposed to split the point when it was clear that his manoeuvring was getting him nowhere.

Two other encounters had meanwhile ended in an equally peaceful mood, with fellow Soviets Valery Salov and Andrei Sokolov shaking hands after twelve moves and not even 15 minutes of work, and fellow Hungarians Gyula Sax and Lajos Portisch calling it a day after 16 moves and 90 minutes.

The battle between Timman and Nunn, however, raged for a full six hours to reach adjournment at the end of the second session.

Playing black from an old-fashioned line of the French defense, the Dutchman soon gained the upper hand.

Angels hold off Tigers

Robinson holds Cardinals to one run

NEW YORK, June 18. (Reuters): Beating his favourite childhood team was easy for Jim Abbott, almost too easy.

Abbott, a former University of Michigan and Olympic star, scattered nine hits in seven innings as the California Angels downed the Detroit Tigers 6-3 yesterday.

The rookie, still a teen-ager when the Tigers breezed to a world series title in 1984, couldn't help noticing that yesterday's lineup wasn't nearly as formidable.

"I don't want to build it up too much. It was something nice to do. Now, it's time to go on," said Abbott, 6-4.

The tigers have dropped 12th of 15 and fell 15 games under .500 for the first time since Sept. 29, 1977. Abbott pitched before a large group of family and friends who made the 70-mile trip from his hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Detroit's Doyle Alexander, 4-7, gave up 12 hits and six runs in 7 2-3 innings. He has won just once in his last 11 outings.

Phil Bradley drove in three runs with a pair of doubles as Baltimore beat Oakland 4-2 in the first nationally televised game from Memorial Stadium in almost three years.



Cincinnati Reds catcher (right) tags out San Francisco's Kirt Manwaring at the plate. (Reuters wirephoto).

The Toronto Blue Jays rallied in the ninth against Seattle relief ace Mike Schooler for the second straight game, winning on Kelly Grubbs' RBI single. The final score: Blue Jays 3, Mariners 2.

Gary Gaetti had four RBIs and the Minnesota Twins broke a tie with four runs in the eighth inning to beat Milwaukee 7-3. It was the Twins first victory over the Brewers in seven games.

Dwight Evans' Grand Slam and a two-run homer by Nick Esasky powered Boston over

Chicago 6-1.

Joe Carter homered and singled to drive in a season-high four runs and Scott Bailes won in his first start of the season as Cleveland beat Kansas City 4-3.

Dave Eiland, promoted to the Major Leagues earlier in the day, pitched seven effective innings last night and the New York Yankees beat the Texas Rangers 5-3.

Pirates 7, Cardinals 2. Jeff Robinson, making his first start in nearly three years, held St

Louis to one run in five innings as the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Cardinals 7-2 yesterday.

Robinson, 3-6, allowed four hits, walked one and struck out four in his first start since Aug. 21, 1986. He had made 194 straight relief appearances since that start.

Bob Kipper held the Cardinals to one run over the last four innings to earn his second save. St. Louis starter Jose DeLeon, 8-5, took the loss.

The Pirates broke the game open with a four-run seventh, getting RBIs from Jose Land, Andy van Slyke, R.J. Reynolds and Benay Distefano.

In other action yesterday: San Francisco 8, Cincinnati 1; New York 1, Philadelphia 0; Chicago 3, Montreal 2; Atlanta 2, Los Angeles 1; San Diego 2, Houston 1.

Giants 8, Reds 1.

Kevin Mitchell broke a brief dry spell with his 24th Homer and Rookie Dennis Cook pitched a six-hitter as San Francisco beat Cincinnati.

Mets 1, Phillies 0.

Bob Ojeda pitched a three-hitter and Kevin McReynolds doubled home the game's only run with two out in the first inning as New York won its fourth straight.

World record

ROME, June 18. (Reuters): Italy's Ileana Salvador sliced nearly half a minute off the world track record for the women's 10 km walk when she powered through in 42 minutes 39.2 seconds at a national athletics meeting yesterday.

The previous record was set on April 28 in Bergen, Norway, by Soviet walker Nadia Raskina in 43:08.4.

The Italian news agency ANSA said it was the second time in a fortnight that Salvador, 27, had broken a world walking record.

Husband, wife win 400m

HOUSTON, Texas, June 18. (Reuters): Sandra Farmer-Patrick made the 400-metre hurdles a family affair as she joined speedsters Floyd Heard and Antonio Pettigrew and long jumper Larry Myricks in 1989 world-leading performances at the US Championships yesterday.

Farmer-Patrick clocked an American record of 53.75 seconds to win the women's 400-metre hurdles minutes before her husband David won the men's 400-metre hurdles in 48.83 seconds.

Only eight women have ever run faster than the Jamaican-born Farmer-Patrick.

It was the first time in 29 years that a husband and wife team won national championships.

Olympic bronze medalist Myricks bounded 8.70 metres (28 feet, 6 1/2 inches) on his third attempt for the fourth world-leading performance of the championships.

Olympic silver medalist Mike Powell finished second with a wind-aided jump of 8.52 metres (27 feet, 11 1/2 inches).

Pettigrew, the US junior college champion, delivered the best men's 400 metres time in the world this year, 44.27 seconds, and Heard clocked 20.09 seconds to equal the fastest men's 200 metres for 1989.

Mark Rowe was second in the 400 in 44.71 seconds and Tim Simon third at 44.84 seconds.

Surprises also dotted the results. Little-known

Brian Brown, a 22-year-old from Louisiana, stunned Olympic silver medalist Hollis Conway as he cleared 2.32 metres (7 feet, 7 1/4 inches) in the men's high jump, former collegian Kamy Keshmiri upset world leader Mike Buncic in the men's discus with a throw of 66.50 metres (218 feet, 2 inches) and collegian Terrance Herrington shocked US Olympians Jeff Atkinson and Steve Scott as he ran the men's 1,500 metres in three minutes, 46.83 seconds.

The championships, held at the University of Houston, determined US teams for September's World Cup in Barcelona and the quadrangular meeting between the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain and West Germany at Birmingham, England on June 24 and 25.

The winners were eligible for the World Cup and the first two for the meeting in England, but it will be a variety of talent that will represent the United States in both.

Five US Olympic champions — Carl Lewis, Steve Lewis, Joe DeLoach, Harry "Butch" Reynolds and Jackie Joyner-Kersey — will compete in neither because they skipped the championships.

Olympic women's high jump winner Louise Ritter also will miss the World Cup because she finished second in her competition on Friday.

But Roger Kingdom, the two-time Olympic high hurdles champion, will be in Barcelona, if not Birmingham, after winning his speciality impressively on Friday.

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